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Left photo shows Maleina Luhk when she was just 9. Right photo shows her computer-generated age progression image. WWW.MISSINGKIDS.COM

Age-progressed photos of Luhk sisters now out

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REPORTER

The Federal Bureau of Investigation released yesterday computer-generated age progression images of how sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk would possibly look now, three years after their mysterious appearance at a bus stop in As Teo.

The FBI will coordinate with the Department of Public Safety in distributing all over the CNMI photos of Faloma and Maleina, who are age-progressed to 13 and 12 years old re-

spectively.

FBI special agent Tom Simon said the FBI regards the case of the miss-

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ON PROPOSED KOBLERVILLE JUNIOR HIGH

Got gym but still no school

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While construction of the gymnasium for the proposed Koberville Junior High School proceeds on schedule—to be completed by December—the next steps for the actual junior high school remain in question.

“At this point, the only thing that is

really [being] built is the gymnasium, and after that we don’t know what is in store,” said Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan yesterday. “Is there a plan from the government or a commitment from the government or Legislature or anyone to help build a Koberville Junior High School and do we need it?”

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Alter City ups investment on Tinian casino to \$360M

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Alter City Group Holdings Ltd. has tucked in another \$60 million to its proposal to build a casino resort on Tinian.

In a letter to the Legislature, Department of Public Lands Secretary Pete A. Tenorio said the Macau-based investor has made known its intention to increase its original planned investment on the island from \$300 million to \$360 million.

“The updated proposal is not included in the lease, but is submitted simply to show future commitment of the lessee to increase its investment amount,” Tenorio stated in letters to House

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ANTI-DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CHAMPS

The Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence presents awards yesterday to 22 “pioneers” or “champions” who, for 10 years or more, have advocated against domestic violence. Only 13 were present at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center at the time of the awarding. The occasion was part of the proclamation signing that declared October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

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MHS starts solar panel project

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The solar panel project at Marianas High School is now underway, with \$440,000 secured from the Office of Insular Affairs, according to Rachel Fusco, CIP coordinator for PSS.

Of that amount, \$389,000 will be used for the solar panels, while \$51,000 will be for roof repairs, she said at a CIP committee meeting yesterday.

Solar panels will be installed on MHS buildings A, B, C, and D.

According to her, the solar panels would generate an average of 160 to 180 kilowatts of electricity per month. "It would power [buildings] A, B, C, and D and produce a little bit extra," she said.

Currently the buildings use about 1,339 kilowatts combined, according to Fusco.

The grant will also fund the architecture and engineering design for the solar panel project, with the request for proposals

for the A&E design now ready for review, said Fusco.

Contract time would be for 60 days.

Completion of the design will be followed by the invitation-for-bid for the solar panel and its components. The IFB will be coordinated by the selected A&E designer, working in collaboration with National Center of Renewable Energy.

The final part of the project is labor, assembly and installation.

If PSS purchases panels directly from a manufacturer, PSS should be able to get more affordable prices, Fusco said.

"We worked with OIA and the NCRE lab and they've done a number of projects and they're going to help us get the best materials for the best price," Tim Thornburg, PSS federal programs officer said.

In addition, roof repairs have already been bid out, with bids received on Aug. 28, according to Fusco.

The lowest bidder was North Pac for about \$14,000.

Inos assisting CHCC on finances

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos has put together a team that is working with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. to help resolve some of the longstanding financial issues of the CNMI's sole public hospital.

Inos said that he and a team are looking over the corporation's financial situation for the past two weeks now.

"We put together a team from the Executive Branch to collaborate with the fiscal folks at CHCC in hopes to pin down any issues pertaining to their financial status, cash flow, billing and collections and so forth and only then we can come out and put out a plan to assist them," Inos said.

So far, CHCC is still paying its current bills—not past arrears—with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. It just recently paid its August billing.

The hospital is also looking into federal funding and, in fact, recently received two grant funds.

According to Community Guidance Center director Reyna Saures, the first is a Systems of Care Planning grant and is about \$700,000.

From that amount, Saures said they are able to do some assessment, have stakeholder meetings, and develop a strategic plan to be implemented.

The corporation hopes that the one-year grant will lead to a three-year implementation grant, supposedly up to \$8 million.

Saures said the second federal funding is a Partnership for Success grant, which is \$1.3 million each year and will continue up to five years. It is intended to build community prevention programs, and evidence-based programs.

Both grants are from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration.

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Igisomar pleads not guilty to charge of lying during trial

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Randy A. Igisomar, a 22-year-old man who was indicted in federal court for allegedly lying during the jury trial of Raymond B. Roberto, pleaded not guilty yesterday.

Igisomar appeared with court-appointed counsel Robert T. Torres at his initial court appearance and arraignment. He is facing charges of perjury, obstruction of justice, and false statement.

Torres did not oppose the

U.S. government's motion for Igisomar's detention pending his trial, saying that under the federal court's detention order, it makes Igisomar a detainee.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ordered Igisomar's detention pending trial.

Igisomar was one of three men who bludgeoned to death a school security guard in 2008 and was sentenced to 22 years in prison.

During Roberto's trial, he testified that Roberto never instructed his friend during a

phone conversation to get rid of her cell phone's SIM card.

In the indictment, one count of perjury relates to his Sept. 10, 2014, testimony when he made a declaration inconsistent with a prior declaration he made while under oath in a grand jury proceeding.

Specifically, on May 6, 2014, while appearing as a witness under oath before the federal grand jury, Igisomar testified that, while detained at the Department of Corrections, he spoke in Chamorro to a friend on the phone and that Roberto

told him to tell his friend to get rid of her phone number. Igisomar stated that he told his friend to get rid of the number because Roberto instructed him to tell it to her right there.

However, during his testimony during Roberto's trial on Sept. 10, 2014, Igisomar stated that his conversation on the phone with his friend was in English. Igisomar also stated that Roberto only asked his (Igisomar's) friend if she can call her sister in Guam to contact his (Roberto's) lawyers and the private investigators.

Igisomar also testified that he did not hear Roberto telling his friend to throw a cell phone.

In an interview with an FBI special agent last Aug. 8, Igisomar allegedly represented that when he previously stated that Roberto told him to tell his friend to discard a certain cell phone or SIM card, he had been "mistaken."

Igisomar knew that his representation was false and fraudulent that his purpose in claiming to have been "mistaken" was to obstruct justice, according to the indictment.

A separate indictment was also filed against Roberto's other witness, Richard Sullivan Benavente, 44. The indictment charged Benavente with three counts of perjury and one count of obstruction of justice. On Wednesday, Benavente pleaded not guilty.

On Monday, a federal court jury unanimously acquitted the 41-year-old Roberto of all charges that he enticed three minor girls to engage in prostitution and tampered a witness while he was in jail.

Govt allegedly fails to pay vendor \$36.8K for servicing DPS vehicles

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A company that owns a towing service and auto repair shop is suing the CNMI government for allegedly refusing to pay \$36,801 in services and interest incurred to repair, tow, and supply fuel to the Department of Public Safety's vehicles.

Success International Corp., owner of SARS Towing Service and Success Auto Repair Shop, asked the Superior Court to hold the CNMI government liable to pay the amount.

When asked for comments yesterday, DPS Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero said he would wait until he receives a copy of the complaint so that he can fully digest its merits.

Most of the debt was incurred prior to Deleon Guerrero's term as DPS commissioner.

Success International Corp. counsel Michael White stated in the complaint that the CNMI government is indebted to the company for repair and service of government vehicles, for towing services and for fuel

supplied to the vehicles.

White said that on Aug. 20, 2013, Success International sent a demand for payment to DPS chief Deleon Guerrero.

White said that, on Aug. 28, 2013, Division of Procurement and Supply director Herman S. Sablan recommended to Deleon Guerrero that the government pay Success International.

Despite this, the government "has failed, refused, and neglected to pay," White said.

The company president explained to Deleon Guerrero in the Aug. 20 letter that DPS' requests to repair its vehicles are considered emergency since these vehicles are used to provide services that are crucial to public safety and welfare. The company president said they provided the services even without purchase orders because of the long time it takes to obtain one.

In the Aug. 28 letter to Deleon Guerrero, Procurement and Supply director Sablan stated that he believes the former DPS chief acted in

good faith when he authorized SARS to provide the services to its vehicles with-

out a contract so that DPS may carry out its duties.

Sablan said he believes it is in

the best interest of the CNMI to ratify the inappropriate procurement and pay the vendor.

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'Star Marianas can break Cape Air monopoly'

A day after a Cape Air official apologized for the interisland carrier's cancelled flights the past several months, a number of lawmakers batted for the breaking of the airline's monopoly on the CNMI-Guam route.

"The best thing for customers is to have competition. Competition drives innovation, drives product quality and services. It removes the environment of a monopoly where the consumers are forced to accept what is available because there's no other alternative," said Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan).

While he accepts Cape Air's apology, Sablan lamented the

lack of a firm timeline on when air service will return to normal.

"I think that's expected but that doesn't address the long-term issue of interisland service between here, Guam, and Rota. While the apology is there, there's no firm timeline when we could expect the second aircraft to be here [on Saipan]," he said.

Andrew Bonney, Cape Air's vice president for planning, told Saipan Chamber of Commerce members Wednesday that Cape Air usually maintains two AT42 turboprop aircraft on Saipan, but one unit was sent to the United States for scheduled maintenance.

"Those are one of the things

that we should be concerned about. The other thing is the frequency of the cancellations of flights due to mechanical reasons. While we understand and agree that in consideration of safety that's why we do that, when it comes to air service it's something that we cannot accept to continue for any duration of time. Obviously, because it affects the economy as people travel back and forth. What's worse is the flights are cancelled for a number of days and people are stranded and United Airlines picks up the slack and provides service to get people from here to Guam, but they charge un-

acceptable rates, unaffordable rates, really," added Sablan.

Rep. Lorenzo Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), House Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications chair, said that having Star Marianas offer an alternative service to the CNMI-Guam route would be a boon to the CNMI's flying public.

"It would be a great advantage to the CNMI since Cape Air doesn't know how soon their operations will be back normal."

He encouraged the Tinian-based carrier to work out its differences with the Guam International Airport Authority so it could inaugurate its Saipan-Guam flight at the soonest possible time.

Sablan seconded Guerrero's call for Star Marianas to work with GIAA to open a second service between the Mariana Islands.

"I don't really know what transpired between Star Marianas and the Guam International Airport Authority, but I hope that it's an issue that can be resolved soon. I hope it's also not a result of trying to keep out competition. We have anti-trust laws that basically prohibit that. In all fairness to all parties, I hope that both sides work things out and I hope Star Marianas will be able to provide service."

Rep. Roman Benavente (Ind-Saipan) also welcomed the entry of Star Marianas into the market.

"That's the thing with Cape

Air. They've monopolized the transportation, not only monopolized but economically drained the people of the CNMI by raising the price of fares. They've ignored us and now they're trying to come back because the federal government is now giving them a wake-up call. To me it's better to have two carriers so we can establish competition. Competition is healthy because the prices are going down and quality of service will come up. I think it's high time that Star Marianas jump in, but I strongly feel that United/Cape Air doesn't really want Star Marianas to come in and compete," said Benavente. **(Mark Rabago)**

CASINO

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Speaker Joseph P. DeLeon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) and Senate President Ralph Dlg. Torres (R-Saipan).

Tenorio said it's not unusual for investors to scale up their projected investment after they make an on-site evaluation of the property.

"The minimum initial investment was at \$200 million but they evaluated and reviewed the land again and added amenities and they committed \$300 mil-

lion under the lease agreement. That's the amount they're committed to spend. The modified proposal together with requesting approval was just to notify the Legislature that in the future the company wants to invest more, which is \$360 million," Tenorio said in a phone interview with *Saipan Tribune*.

"It's good for us. The more they invest, the better for us. But we're not really committing them to invest the \$360 million modified proposal. We're committing them to the \$300 million," added Tenorio.

The extra \$60 million, he

said, may go to expand the resort area and the construction of more hotel rooms and other amenities. Also probable extra expenses are shipping of additional equipment.

"It's really up for them to decide on what improvements they want on the supplemental \$60 million additional investment," Tenorio added.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos' public information officer, Ivan Blanco, said Alter City Group's modified investment proposal only shows the Macau-based company's continued confidence in the future of the CNMI economy

and tourism market.

"The increases by Alter City—license fee from \$100,000 to \$300,000, plus the advance license fee payment, which is a total of \$600,000, the initial investment of \$200 million to \$300 million, and now from \$300 million to \$360 million—signals a significant confidence in our economy and in the tourism sector."

Alter City Group's increased investment, Blanco said, mirrors the confidence also exuded by Jeju Air, Honest Profit International, Ltd., and Best Sunshine International, Ltd., which also

recently made their own separate forays into the local economy.

Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz, meanwhile, welcomed the increased investment of Alter City Group. "Investors, once they come over, they first look at the area and once they go back and put together the business plan, the design, and everything, those figures do change. After revision on design they decided that another \$60 million is realistic on their proposal."

Dela Cruz said this means not only more employment opportunities for Tinian's local residents but also additional eco-

nomics activities.

"We can now be able maintain and keep our tourists longer on Tinian because of this," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Alter City Group plans to build its casino resort at Puntan Diablo, also known as Nasarino, on Tinian.

It is the same area that was previously leased by Marianas Resort Development Corp., or MRDC, before the latter abandoned the lease. MRDC had planned to build a \$300-million Matua Bay Casino Resort on the property, including an 18-hole golf course.



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At a CIP committee meeting at the Board of Education conference room yesterday, concerns addressed were the status of the current lease on the proposed lots for the school, which belongs to the Northern Marianas Housing Corp.; the administrative costs PSS would shoulder with the new gym; and the lack of commitment from the government to build the school.

The leasehold of the three adjacent lots for the proposed school was purchased by NMHC from TMP Inc. in July 2011, with the intention of using the new site for the proposed school.

NMHC bought the approximately 60,000-square-meter properties for \$1.17 million, using funds from the Community Development Block Grant.

The remaining years on the leasehold are about 28 to 32 years, according to information

obtained at the meeting.

Sablan said the cost to build the school is estimated to be anywhere between \$18 million to \$20 million.

In an interview with BOE chair Herman Guerrero, he said the question is what options PSS would have after the leasehold years are up.

He noted that PSS or the board "does not have the authority to negotiate" on the matter as it is up to the government.

The current lots belong to three separate owners, according to Guerrero.

Sablan said PSS has yet to receive any update from the Office of the Governor concerning the property, whether it has already been deeded to the PSS.

"There is no next step as to commitment from the government that CIP funds will be made to be able to construct actual classrooms," she said.

A PSS source said that they would like to have fee simple ownership of the three proposed lots.

With PSS not foreseeing a

proposed junior high school or a firm commitment from CNMI leaders, Sablan said PSS may have to ask NMHC to take the gym back until such time that there is a commitment.

She also noted the maintenance, security, electricity and overall utility costs that PSS would take on starting in January when the gym is done.

"Utilities is going to be our greatest issue with the gymnasium," she said.

Guerrero suggested during discussion that if the gym is returned to NMHC, the corporation could perhaps redirect it to other agencies so it could still serve the Koblerville community.

'No need for a junior high'

Sablan also cited the successful implementation of the middle school reconfiguration—which consolidated elementary students into single schools to open more middle schools and lessen overcrowding—as a reason why they may not need the gym.

CIP committee chair Lucy-Blanco Maratita asked Sablan point blank if there is currently a need for a new junior high school.

"Not at this point," Sablan said. "The way our data is working, it's showing us that everyone is in place when we implemented the middle school phase 2."

Guerrero brought up Marianas High School's population of around 1,500 students as a more pressing concern.

Sablan agreed, saying PSS probably needs a new high school to accommodate MHS students.

No action was taken during the meeting, as those present chose to continue to debate the issue.

Dec. 19 is the Koblerville gym's completion date, barring any weather problems, according to the CIP office for PSS.

It is being constructed by Tropex Garden, with some funds redirected from a proposed but cancelled Saipan Southern High School swimming pool.

LUHK

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ing Luhk sisters as an ongoing investigation.

Simon said they are hoping that these new age-enhanced photos may provide them with some promising leads.

"Anyone with information to provide should contact their local FBI office or police," said the FBI spokesperson.

FBI Saipan office special agent Haejun Park and FBI

Guam office special agent Joe Strantz released to the media the age-progressed images of the Luhk sisters yesterday afternoon.

The FBI and DPS are jointly investigating the mysterious disappearance of the Luhk sisters.

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children produced the computer-generated age progression images at the FBI's request.

The FBI will contact other law enforcement partners in Guam, Palau, Marshall Is-

lands, and Federated States of Micronesia, to also distribute the images in their respective jurisdictions.

Then 10-year-old Faloma and 9-year-old Maleina were last seen on May 25, 2011, near a bus stop pavilion in As Teo, Saipan. Their disappearance triggered the most extensive searches in CNMI history, with FBI agents and DPS officers combing a landfill, caves, jungles, beaches, villages, abandoned buildings, and other areas on Saipan for several months.

Many civilian volunteers joined some of the searches. The U.S. military even conducted aerial searches. A tracking dog was also sent from Hawaii to join the search.

Alan Santos Aguon, a former DPS firefighter who refused to undergo a lie detector test in connection with the investigation, was tagged as "a person of interest" but he has never been charged. In 2012, he was reportedly arrested in Burien, Washington state for domestic violence.

PSS leaders appeal: 'Vote yes to HLI 18-12'

The new Tanapag Middle School opened this school year for students from grades seven to eight. But most of its buildings essentially date back to when it was built in the 1960s—with temporary repairs and facelifts helping it withstand the ravages of time in the last five decades.

The new middle school also needs a vice principal, a counselor, and more teachers.

This is also true for the largest elementary school in the CNMI, Garapan Elementary School. Home to more than 800 students, it has about 30 classrooms. In some classes, though, the teacher-student ratio goes beyond the Board of Education-mandated ratio of 25:1. One class has 28 students. Another has 32 and, in one instance, 38.

Yet the need for more funds to hire more teachers is not its only issue; GES classrooms are also deteriorating. The school was built in the 1960s. The only major facelift it has had was repairs of its roofing and classrooms and repainting.

Kagman High School and Chacha Oceanview Middle School were erected in early 2000, same with Rota's Sinapalo Elementary School, Saipan Southern High School, and Kagman Elementary School. That was the year when the Public School System had its last major construction.

Today, the school district is reduced to minor repairs and rehabilitation to maintain the structural integrity of its aging facilities. It is also short-handed and needs to add more staff: vice principals, counselors, classroom teachers, and support staff.

As it continues to adapt to the changing education landscape, coupled with the growing student population, the onset of technology, and providing for more educational opportunities to the Commonwealth's close to 11,000 students, PSS continues to carry forward. But its growth is continually stymied with the longstanding threat of fluctuating local funding. It needs permanency.

Yesterday, public school leaders gathered together to rally the community to support House Legislative Initiative 18-12. The initiative sets the minimum local funding for public education at 25 percent. This is an increase from 10 percent of the overall government revenue sources for appropriation—a 29-year-old constitutional mandate that has remained untouched.

"When we talk about how our public schools provides for educational opportunities to our children, we should not look at the 'here and now.' Education is about the future of our children and this community, and if this community requires us to provide quality education, we have to come as one in investing for

public education," Tanapag Middle School principal Ruth Calvo said. "We all need to come on board in helping our public schools, and support our [PSS]."

As one of the "pioneering" students at the then-newly constructed Tinian High School, Leila Staffler recalled how she and her peers enjoyed the heydays of uninterrupted air-conditioned classrooms, among others.

That was back in 1997. Four years later, as a new classroom teacher, she began to experience the challenge of the school district. Fast forward, a decade later and as principal of Kagman High School today, Staffler feels for her students who have to endure "rationed" air conditioning.

Some Kagman High School classrooms are also cramped, with students hitting the 30:1 ratio. The library also needs more reading and instructional materials.

"The federal government assists our PSS with other instructional things the local funding cannot fund or provide. But the day-to-day business of school, like air-conditioning repair, maintenance, and ensuring conducive learning environment, is what our children needs," Staffler said. "I speak of experience because I am proud public school graduate who, along with hundreds of our committed education leaders, parents, volunteers and stakeholders continue to do more with less. If we pass H.L.I. 18-12, it will help our children with their essential needs."

In the last 24 years that Dr. Ignacia Demapan has dedicated her life to public education, "it is about time that this community threw its support to PSS. I really believe that our PSS has progressed to a higher standard and for us to be able to sustain it, it requires a level of funding to make things happen. Things are different now. Let us all come together." Demapan is principal of Kagman Elementary School.

Hopwood Jr. High School principal Jonas Barcinas feels strongly about the need to support the initiative.

"For many, many years my school was faced with overcrowding classrooms and deteriorating facilities, lack of qualified teachers, instructional materials," he said. "I ask our parents and this community to help us by voting for H.L.I. 18-12. PSS cannot do it alone, we need you."

When the new school year opened, San Vicente Elementary School implemented a full-day, full-time kindergarten program. SVES, however, could only provide four full-day classes, and the ratio is all-time high: 22 (5-year-olds) to 1 teacher. The state-mandated policy for kindergarten is 15:1.

Even so, "the waiting list

is very long," said principal Paulette T. Sablan. "Those on the waiting list will be carried through the next school year and the enrollment will further balloon."

SVES also needs to repair and modernize its classrooms.

"I believe that our community should support this, not only that this has direct impact to our schools, but because our chil-

dren needs to feel comfortable, secure and safe," Sablan said.

Chacha Oceanview Middle School principal Vince Dela Cruz agrees. "The initiative... will allow for more 5-year-old

children to have access to...kindergarten classes," he said.

Since 2004, grade 1 enrollment for all public schools hovered between 700 and 800. (PSS)

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Advocates come together to fight domestic violence

■ October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month ■ Ogomoro awarded 2014 Bridge of Light Award

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REPORTER

Nationally, one in four women experience domestic violence in her lifetime. Yet despite the alarming number, it remains hidden. Victims suffer silently and in the one place they should feel safe and secure, their home, they experience fear, isolation, shame and doubt, making it extremely difficult to seek help.

Violence often occurs behind closed doors. However, the impact of this crime is felt throughout the home, village, and island. It ripples out to the community at large, touching everyone, regardless of socio-

economic status, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, faith, ability, educational background or age.

Malyssa Castro, an inspirational speaker at the domestic violence awareness proclamation signing yesterday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, recalled for the audience a time in her life when she struggled with domestic violence.

"My dad use to say to my brothers and me, 'No man should ever lay his hands on a woman.' My mom said to me, 'Any man who hurts a woman by putting his hands on her or putting her down is not worth my time,'" Castro said.

Yet 12 years ago, at the tender age of 14, she started dating a guy she had known since she was 6, who would later turn her life upside down. "I will call him JR," Castro said. At the time, he was 16 years old.

For the first couple of months, Castro and JR had fun, "loving, and full of new adventures."

"We couldn't get enough of each other. We talked on the phone every day. We would meet up after school just to hang out and talk. Then summer came along and I left off island to visit family for a few weeks. At the time I owned a pager. I gave JR my password so that we can communicate through

voicemail. We only spoke on the phone once a day," Castro said.

One time, Castro received a message from a male friend. JR later called and asked how her day was and if she had anything to tell him. "I said no," Castro said. JR yelled, "Don't lie to me! Who was that guy who left you a message? Are you cheating on me?" Only two months into their relationship, yet the signs were already there.

Castro said she never cheated on him yet she still begged him to forgive her. She said she should have taken that as a sign when he forgave her and instructed her to call him every time she leaves the house.

Also, every time JR would get angry with her, he would grab her violently and leave bruises on her arms. Castro

shrugged it off because "there was no blood."

"In December, a big typhoon hit and left us with no power, no water, no gas, and minimal food. A few days before Christmas, my parents decided it was better for me to move to the neighboring island so that I can start school again. Because the phone lines were down and pagers weren't working, I left without telling him," Castro said.

As she tried to maintain a long distance relationship with JR, he happened to meet one of her male classmate. An argument between her and JR ensued, causing JR to choke Castro to within an inch of her life. She said she blacked out and woke up on the couch. JR said sorry and swayed her with his words, saying it won't happen again.

Castro said she should have told her parents but she loved him. He would call her names and say that her family doesn't love her, but she knew better. Graduation came and she thought their relationship would grow. She was wrong.

"This was the first time we were physically together," Castro said. JR told her to stop hanging out with her friends. A year later, she gave birth to their first child, a girl. And the abuse has escalated to at least "four times a week."

Two years later, she had twin boys; JR would still constantly batter her. "In one incident, he punched my back, pinched my arm, and punched my head until I went unconscious. I woke up the next morning with a horrible headache, a black eye and a huge bruise on the back of my arm," Castro said.

She said she loved him and that she couldn't leave him because he was the father of her children. She also feared fleeing because she was afraid he would hurt her and her family.

Finally, during an argument about their daughter, Castro screwed up the courage to walk out of the relationship.

"Four years later and I am happy to say that I am at the highest point of my life. I'm in college, I have a full-time job that I love, my children are happy and healthy but best of all I am finally free. Free from abuse," Castro said.

Advocates who heard Castro's stories praised her for her speaking out and letting everyone know what domestic violence really is.

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo said that Castro's story hit home and that there are 250 domestic violence cases in the CNMI every year.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos said Castro's experience still happens to many others in the community and they also need to speak out so they could break free.

Proclamation

Inos declared October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, with the theme "Rise for Peace. Be that change."

As part of yesterday's events, Lauri Ogomoro, manager of Guam Esperansa, was awarded the "Bridge of Light Award," which is presented to those who advocate an end to violence.

Ogomoro was presented with a plaque, cash from the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence, and a self-care package from the Tan Siu Lin Foundation that includes a one-night stay for two at Kanoa Resort, a gift certificate to Nami Bar at Kanoa Resort, lunch buffet for two at Isa Café in Kanoa Resort, seafood dinner and Sunday brunch for two at World Café in Fiesta Resort & Spa, and a gift certificate from both D&Q International Distributors and Cosmos Distributor Co. Ltd.

Ogomoro also has the opportunity to select a person to attend either the National Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence conference or a retreat with the Joyful Heart Foundation, with the cost sponsored by Delta Air Lines and travel vouchers valued at \$750.

Kia'aina to visit CNMI this month

Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas, Esther Puekela Kia'aina, will be visiting the CNMI this month, according to Gov. Eloy S. Inos' acting press secretary, Ivan Blanco.



Kia'aina

While on island Kia'aina will make a courtesy call on Inos and meet with other local officials. She is also expected to make a round of site visits, especially projects that are funded by the Office of Insular Affairs.

Before her appointment and subsequent confirmation as OIA assistant secretary, Kia'aina served as First Deputy Director of the Department

of Land and Natural Resources for Hawaii under Gov. Neil Abercrombie.

Kia'aina also worked under Hawaii Sen. Daniel K. Inouye as well as Inouye's Hawaii counterpart, Sen.

Daniel K. Akaka. She followed this with time as chief of staff and Legislative Director for Delegate Robert A. Underwood (D-Guam) from 1999 to 2003 and as chief of staff for Rep. Ed Case (D-Hawaii) from 2003 to 2007.

Kia'aina received a B.A. from the University of Southern California and a J.D. from the George Washington University Law School. (Mark Rabago)

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Fire suppressed at T Galleria generator room

The CNMI Department of Public Safety's Fire Division received an emergency call for a generator fire at the T Galleria in Garapan at 4:08pm yesterday. The caller indicated that the fire was located on the northern part of the second floor in the generator room.

DPS Police and Fire personnel were dispatched to the area. The first arriving medic responding from the Garapan Fire Station arrived on scene at 4:11pm. Fire Engine 1, assigned to the San Roque Fire Station, arrived shortly at 4:19pm.

Information gathered indicated that a mechanic for

the T Galleria assigned to the generator room was inspecting the area in preparation to secure from work when he noticed "smoke coming from one of the generator rooms." He opened the door and im-

mediately noticed a small fire. He attempted to suppress the fire with several extinguishers but was unable to do so. T Galleria employees contacted the Department of Public Safety Fire Division for assistance.

Upon arrival, Fire personnel were able to contain the fire with additional fire extinguishers. The fire was subsequently fully suppressed at 14:39pm.

One victim was treated on scene by medics for a breathing

related issue but refused to be brought to the Commonwealth Health Center.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation and is suspected to be electrical in nature. (DPS)

»Sablan Enterprises' Tony Muña says they're negotiating with CDA

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Development Authority is suing Sablan Enterprises Inc. and four persons for allegedly failing to pay loans and interest now amounting to \$3,012,309.84.

CDA asked the Superior Court to hold Sablan Enterprises Inc. and co-defendants Tito M. Sablan, Conrad M. Sablan, Vicente M. Sablan, and Maria M. Sablan liable to pay the amount.

CDA counsel F. Matthew Smith stated in the complaint that, as of Jan. 17, 2014, the defendants owe CDA the principal sum of \$2.33 million plus accrued interest of \$652,010.90, plus penalty charges of \$25,847.25 and legal fees of \$1,734.01, for a total of \$3.01 million, with interest on the principal sum at 4 percent per annum.

Sablan Enterprises Inc. vice president Tony Muña said yesterday that they are in the process of negotiating with CDA to

resolve the matter.

CDA asked the court to order the foreclosure of mortgaged property and seize all mortgaged chattels or other security or accounts.

CDA also wants the court to order the sale of the defendants' mortgaged interest in the real property and all mortgaged chattels and apply the proceeds for payment.

Smith stated that on June 4, 2008, in return for money received, the defendants promised to pay CDA the principal sum of \$3.85 million, plus interest at a rate of 7 percent per annum.

In accordance with the agreements, Smith said that Sablan Enterprises agreed to repay the consolidated loans and debt to CDA in set monthly installments, beginning July 5, 2008, and continuing until the loan is paid in full on June 5, 2038.

Smith said the Sablan defendants guaranteed those payments.

By failing, among other things, to pay the monthly installments due and owing to CDA, Smith said the defendants have defaulted on the loan and breached the conditions of the note, loan, mortgage, guaranty, and other agreements.

October is Energy Action Month

With recycling bins, a portable stove, and an electric fan in the background and CFLs (compact fluorescent lamps) scattered on the table, Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider declared October 2014 as CNMI Energy Action Month early Tuesday morning at the Office of the Governor's conference room.

In signing the proclamation, Inos and Hofschneider called upon CNMI residents to focus on making clean energy choices by investing in clean energy, including research and technology development.

The 2014 CNMI Energy Action Month's theme is "Transition to a clean energy reality." It means greater energy security, less carbon pollution, and more energy dollars saved.

The islands' top executives also declared Oct. 30, 2014, as Weatherization Day.

The proclamation states that under the CNMI Weatherization Assistance Program, the CNMI Energy Office was able to assist 711 qualified low-income families by providing energy conservation education information;

replacing their inefficient refrigerator, window air-conditioning units, and light bulbs; installation of smoke detectors; and insulation of room fenestrations, window gaps, and cracks.

Inos said he is pleasantly surprised with the over 700 families serviced by the program.

Department of Public Works Secretary Martin Sablan said the 711 refrigerators given away by the Energy Office is a big help in reducing families' energy consumption.

"We just hope the public will use these appliances and tools that we're providing them to reduce energy consumption. Utilizing more of the daylight rather than turning on our energy light will also reduce a lot more than we expected. It's not just using the energy efficient light bulbs but turning it off when not needed, which means turning it off during the daylight hours," said Sablan.

Energy Office director Thelma Inos said her office will soon announce dates when they will be visiting Tinian and Rota to distribute fans, portable stoves, and CFLs. (Mark Rabago)

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Search suspended for Marine missing off Tinian

TINIAN—On the morning of Oct. 1, 2014, the Coast Guard District 14 commander, Rear Adm. Cari Thomas, suspended the search for Corporal Donovan E. Clancy, who was swept over the reef at LamLam Beach on the northwestern side of Tinian.

Exhaustive searches were conducted from Sept. 26 through 30. The five-day search was conducted by land, sea, and air assets and encompassed 1,714 square nautical miles.

Agencies involved in the search included the CNMI Department of Public Safety (Saipan and Tinian), CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife

Enforcement, CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management, U.S. Marine Air Group 12, U.S. Air Base Kadena, U.S. Navy Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25, and U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam.

Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, commander of Joint Region Marianas, released the below statement in response to the suspension of the search for a missing Marine temporarily assigned to Tinian: "May God bless the family

of Cpl. Donovan Clancy and the Marines assigned to Marine Wing Communication Squadron 18. My thoughts

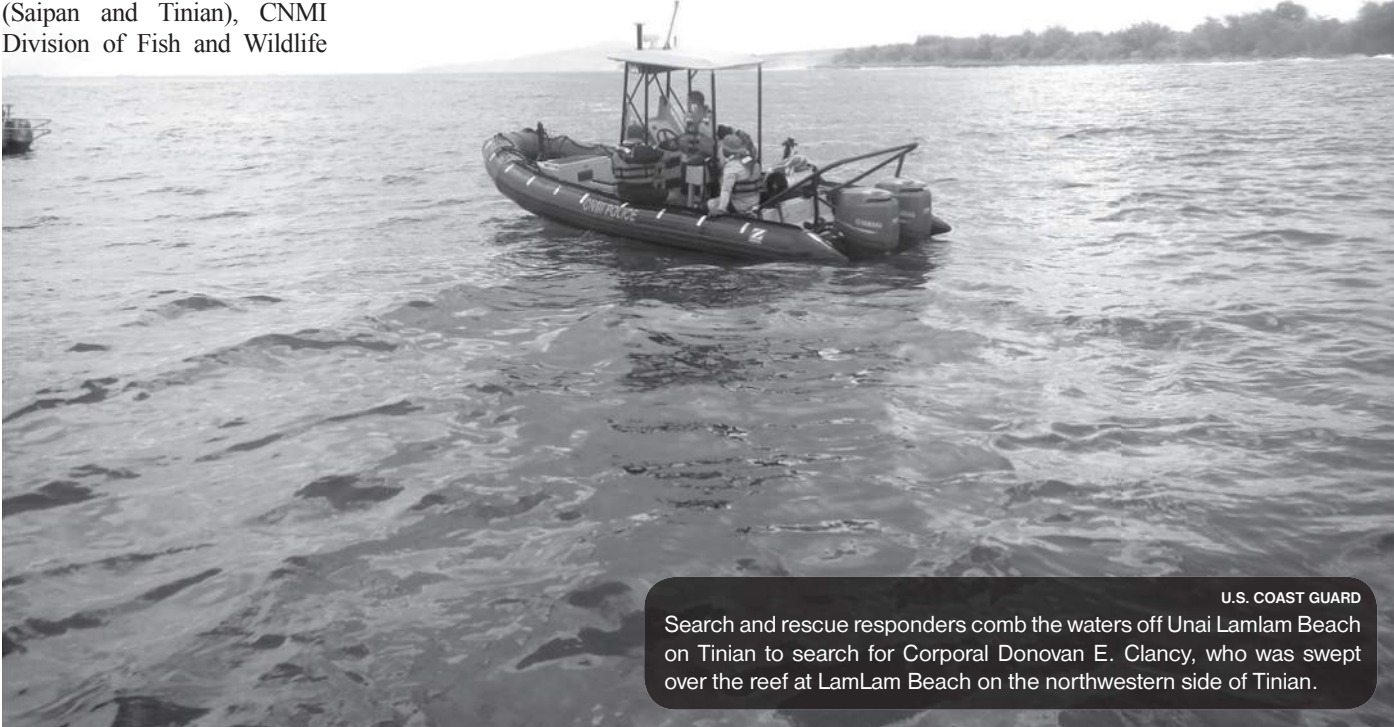
are with the Marines on Tinian during this difficult time as they are away from their homes. The training they are participating in as part of Forager

Fury and the work they do every day are vital to the defense of our nation. To the families of everyone who has been affected by this tragedy, our hearts and prayers go out to you."

» Bolivar, Zimmerman send condolences

Col. P.J. Zimmerman, officer-in-charge, Marine Corps Activities Guam, also extends his condolences with the following statement:

"Our thoughts and prayers are with Cpl. Clancy, his family and the unit during this time of grief. I would like to thank the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam, Navy Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25, CNMI Department of Public Safety and all those who participated in the search and rescue effort." (*USCG/Joint Region Marianas*)



U.S. COAST GUARD
Search and rescue responders comb the waters off Unai LamLam Beach on Tinian to search for Corporal Donovan E. Clancy, who was swept over the reef at LamLam Beach on the northwestern side of Tinian.

Public invited to NDEAM proclamation signing today

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider will sign today, Oct. 3, 2014, a proclamation proclaiming the month as National Disability Employment Awareness Month, or NDEAM.

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, together with the State Rehabilitation Council, Statewide Independent Living Council, and its other key partners, are inviting the public to witness the signing

of the proclamation, which will be held at 10am at the Office of the Governor.

"Please come and show your support as OVR and its partners kick off a monthlong celebration aimed at educating our community about disability employment issues and the benefits of hiring qualified people with disabilities," said Thomas Thornburgh, NDEAM committee chairperson.

The celebration of NDEAM goes back to 1945, when Congress declared the first week of October each year as "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." In 1962, the word "physically" was deleted to acknowledge the needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and adopted its current name. Upon its es-

tablishment in 2001, the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy assumed responsibility for NDEAM, including the selection of its annual theme. This year's official theme is "Expect. Employ. Empower."

To learn more about NDEAM and how you can participate, contact Thornburgh at 235-7273/4 or Josephine Tudela/OVR at 322-6537/8. (*OVR*)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Free screening of new documentary

Voices of the Marianas will be screening a new documentary about the making of an improvisational play. Titled *What We Really Think*, the documentary is directed by Barbara Sher and features Marianas High School students as the cast and Galvin Deleon Guerrero as the videographer. The documentary will be shown at the American Memorial Park on Oct. 17, at 7pm. It's free and open to the public. (*PR*)

Saipan Little League membership meeting pushed back

The Saipan Little League Baseball, Inc.'s general membership meeting has been pushed back for Oct. 8, 2014, 5:30pm at the Ada Gym Pavilion. Managers, coaches, parents and all interested individuals are invited to attend. (*PR*)

MHS sets Q1 Mid-Progress Report Open House

Marianas High School is encouraging all parents and guardians to come to our 1st Quarter Mid-Progress Report Open House on Thursday, Oct. 2, 2014, from 4pm to 6pm at the MHS Gymnasium. This is a great opportunity to meet our teachers and talk about your child's progress in the class. Should you have any questions, call the Main Office at 237-3206/5. You can also check our website at www.marianashighschool.com. (*PR*)

Marines to train at Warning Area 517

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Marines will conduct training at Warning Area 517 during the following times:

- Oct. 3 from 9am to noon and 1-4pm
- Oct. 6 from 8am to 4pm and 6-10pm

The general public especially fishermen, commercial pilots and

marine tour operators are advised to stay clear of the area during the times and dates indicated.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprised of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. W-517 is contained within the following coordinates: 13° 10'N/144° 30'E, 13° 10'N/144° 42'E, 12° 50'N/144° 45'E, 11° 00'N/144° 45'E, 11° 00'N/143° 00'E, 11° 45'N/143° 00'E, 12° 50'N/144° 30'E.

FOA membership meeting on Oct. 14

The Friends of the Arts will hold its first membership meeting of the year on Oct. 14, 6:30pm to 9pm, at the Canton Chinese Restaurant, across from the Mobil/McDonald's in Garapan. Members and supporters of FOA are invited to attend. (*FOA*)

Task Force 70 to hold change of command ceremony

ASAN, Guam—Task Force 70 is scheduled to hold a change of command ceremony on board USS *George Washington* (CVN 73) on Oct. 5. During this time-honored Navy tradition, Rear Adm. Mark Montgomery will be relieved as commander of Task Force 70 by Rear Adm. John Alexander. Task Force 70 is the battle force for U.S. 7th Fleet. Commander, Task Force 70 has operation control of all carrier strike groups and independently deployed cruisers, destroyers and frigates that deploy or transit the 7th Fleet area of operations. The commander also serves as Commander, Carrier Strike Group 5, centered on George Washington, and the embarked Carrier Air Wing 5. (*PR*)

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President Barack Obama: America will continue to lead in uncertain world

By **BARACK OBAMA**
SPECIAL TO MCCLATCHY

WASHINGTON—American leadership is the one constant in an uncertain world. As Americans, we see the future not as something beyond our control, but as something we can shape for the better through concerted and collective effort. That was true this week, as we mobilized the world to confront some of our most urgent challenges.

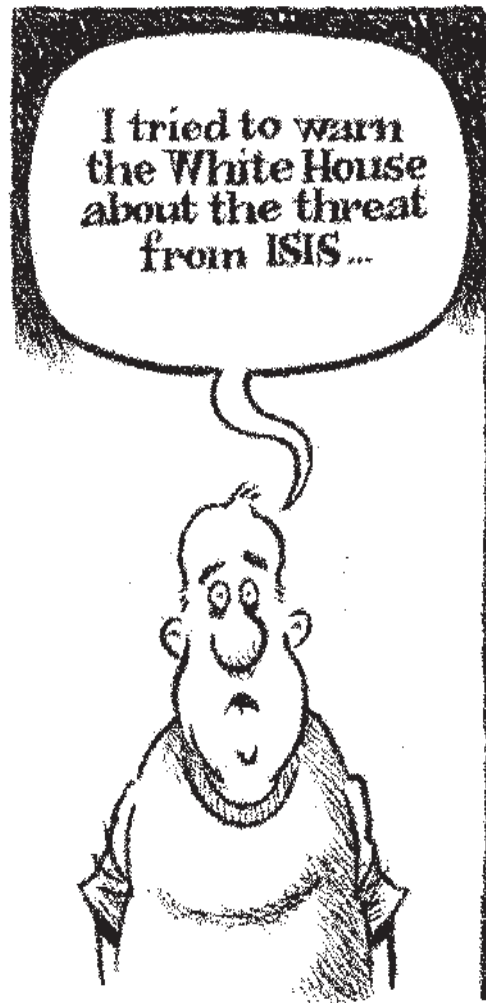
America is leading the world in the fight to degrade and ultimately destroy the terrorist group known as the Islamic State. This group has terrorized all who they come across in Iraq and Syria. In the most horrific crimes imaginable, innocent human beings have been beheaded, with videos of the atrocity distributed to shock the conscience of the world. There can be no reason, no negotiation, with this brand of evil. The only language understood by killers like this is the language of force.

In this effort, we do not act alone. Nor do we intend to send American troops to occupy foreign lands. Instead, we will support Iraqis and Syrians fighting to reclaim their communities. We will use our military might in a campaign of airstrikes to roll back the Islamic State, and we will be joined by

friends and partners, including Arab nations. We will train and equip forces fighting against these terrorists on the ground. We will work to cut off their financing, and to stop the flow of fighters into and out of the region. Already, over 40 nations have offered to join the coalition against the Islamic State, and at the United Nations in New York, I worked to build more support for this coalition.

In my annual address to the U.N., I also challenged the world—especially Muslim communities—to explicitly, forcefully and consistently reject the ideology of al-Qaida and the Islamic State. No children, anywhere, should be educated to hate other people. We must cut off the funding that fuels violent hatred, and contest the space that terrorists occupy, including the Internet and social media. At the same time, countries must do more to offer an alternative vision, and to tap the extraordinary potential of their young people.

American leadership is not confined to the fight against the Islamic State. We are leading the effort to rally the world against Russian aggression in Ukraine. Along with our allies, we will support the people of Ukraine as they develop their democracy and economy. We will reinforce our NATO allies, and uphold our commitment to collective defense. We will impose a cost on Russia for aggression, and counter falsehoods with the truth. And this week, I called upon

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Martyrs' Day

The sun is out but the temperature is going to dip below zero C for the first time this season in *Dong Bei*, so I have the plants getting the full benefit of sunroom warmth with the windows closed and the TV on.

I've been to Tiananmen Square a few times since '89 so the sight of it on TV is not unexpected, it being the central tourist attraction of Beijing, and before the nation go on a travel frenzy for a week at the end of September, the public TV is expected to run patriotic programs on the occasion of the 65th year of the nation since Mao Zedong declared the People's Republic in-charge over the ROC that retreated with Chiang Kai-shek (bka Jiang Jieshi, or Jiang Zhong-zheng in Chinese) to Taipei.

Sept. 30 marked the first Martyrs' Day in China, and the public ceremony that had everybody who is anybody in Beijing gathered around the People's Heroes Monument at the Tiananmen Square coincided with the decision 65 years ago to construct the monument, the day before the PRC independence.

Uniformed members of the Young Pioneers (charming without raised Mao red books) sang in winsome attires and smiles, held red and yellow flowers, as the laying of wreaths of flowers was ritually made by members of the People's Liberation Army followed by the seven members of the Politburo standing committee led by President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang, who were then followed by all the other dignitaries to view eight relief panels carved around the monument.

The panels tell a visual story of the heroes the monument is honoring. It actually begins with those who fought the British during the Opium War when England waged war against the Qing Dynasty, when China banned the increasing sale and addiction of the population on the drug. Thus, the heroes' monument goes back to the resistance against the British, which resulted in the first of what is now referred to us uneven treaties, the Nan-jing Treaty, allowing opium trade to continue. Hong Kong also was ceded to England, emboldening the Portuguese and Spanish forces in the western Pacific.

The United States signed in 1843 the Treaty of Wangxia (site is now the Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Macau) that accorded U.S. business traders the same favored status as other foreigners, and to spite the Brits, the treaty with moralist America declared the opium trade illegal. Not surprisingly, the second Opium War broke out in 1856 lasting until 1860, this time including the French who also demanded free access to anywhere in China, legalize opium, cancel levies and tariffs, allow coolie trade, and other concessions from cultures convinced of Aryan supremacy, and a passivity that naturally thought of itself as the middle kingdom. The greed caravan was joined by the U.S. and Russia, and later, Germany and Japan.

Heroes of the 1911 revolt get a relief column, resulting in the

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Qing's abdication and the declaration of the 1912 republic. Come next are the soldiers who fought in the emboldened imperial Japan that humbled the Russian Tsar's Navy, and moved population and technology to Manchuria it considered as north of the Great Wall and thereby not China proper. Manchuria had the tug-of-war between Russia and Japan, led Nippon in the Mukden (now Shenyang) incident to the War of 1931, which lasted until the end of WWII in 1945.

The eight bas-reliefs include the destruction of Opium (1939), the Taiping Revolution (1951), the 1911 revolution, the May 4th movement (1919), May 30 movement (1925), Nanchang uprising (1927), war of resistance against Japan (1931-45), and the crossing of the Yangtze during the Chinese Civil War (1949).

China has the *Qing Ming* (literally, clear and bright) festival in honor of ancestors (kin rather than vocation) where the tombs are swept but the Martyrs' Memorial Day accent works of self-sacrifice and liberation, both military and civic. As one of the day's commentator said, "A nation without martyrs is just a collection of mediocre individuals." China's legislature instituted this holiday for its own soul.

The U.S. commemorates Memorial Day in May for its dead soldiers, a consequence of its Civil War experience. Russia has Victory Day when it turned German forces from occupying Russia. The Commonwealth of Nations (U.K., et al) observes November after WWI as its memorial for its honored dead. Japan has made it clear (and rightly so) that who Japan honors in shrines is their business, and how it tells its story regarding Korea and China is a matter for its own soul.

Christendom observes All Saints Day and All Souls Day. (Christians were frowned upon when making profit off his neighbor, Protestants say with historical accuracy, so the Vatican reserved purgatory where their souls stayed, enjoyed profit and still could pay off their way to heaven!)

Birthdays and funerals are given certitudes. They are remembered commonly and privately. China offers a new definition to being a martyr. We can now decide how to offer our own deaths as an integral part in intentionally living our lives.

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Hoisted by his own foulard

I'd rather sit on the beach and think about neckties than sit in an office and actually wear one.

For me, though, neckties were the path to a beach chair, at least in an overall sense.

One of my jobs as a teenager was selling shirts and neckties in a department store. It was a low-budget store in a poor area. Our clientele typically bought ties only for church Sundays or for the occasional funeral, wedding, and so on. Many of my customers didn't know how to tie a necktie, though they were usually too embarrassed to volunteer this information. But once I doped this out, I'd offer to pre-tie the tie for them and show them how to slide the knot to loosen and tighten it.

This little service was a mere afterthought when I first did it. But it wound up being a great way to build a loyal customer base. Though any given family might not buy a lot of ties, they'd often buy a few shirts now and then, along with wallets, belts, and such.

I dubbed this gig the "necktie effect," having stumbled across a truth that sales gurus often mention: An effective salesperson isn't merely selling an item, but is actually solving a problem, or at least addressing a situation, that the customer has. The actual item on the shelf is just one part of a bigger picture.

So you don't buy a tie to buy a tie. You buy a tie to wear a tie. In other words, you don't just want an object, you want an experience.

What does this have to do with beach chairs? Well, pretty much everything if you're selling tourism services on Saipan. Tourism is experiential by its very nature. This is something that I meshed with, thanks largely to my necktie days.

So far, so good, right? Right. But there's a dark side: If you live by the tie, you can also die by the tie. Indeed, while the road from the necktie effect to the beach chair life was smooth enough, forging a path in the other direction wasn't so easy.

One fateful day, an old pal called me from the mainland. He told me he had tossed my hat into the ring for a company that was looking for someone with my qualifications. The job was commutable from Saipan, so I could spend part of each month making good coin in the big wide world, and the rest of the month goofing off at the beach.

I dusted off my best suit and zoomed off to a big city for an early-morning interview. I arrived the night before.

As I dressed for the big event in my hotel room in the morning, I had a shocking discovery: I had forgotten how to tie a necktie.

Apparently, my years in the tropics had melted the necktie-tying section of my memory.

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even more nations to join us on the right side of history.

America is leading the fight to contain and combat the Ebola epidemic in West Africa. We're deploying our doctors and scientists—supported by our military—to help fight the outbreak and pursue new treatments. From the United Kingdom and Germany to Senegal and France, other nations are stepping up their efforts, too, by sending money, supplies and personnel. But we need an even broader effort to stop a disease that could kill hundreds of thousands, inflict horrific suffering, destabilize economies, and ultimately spread across borders. That's why we will continue to rally other countries to join us in making concrete commitments to fight this disease, and enhance global health security for the long term.

America is engaging more allies and partners to confront the growing threat of climate change before it's too late. At home, we've taken historic steps to invest in clean energy, cut carbon pollution, and create new jobs in the process. Abroad, our climate assistance now reaches more than 120 nations. But we can only succeed in combating climate change if we are joined in this effort by every major power. So on Tuesday, I called on every nation—developed and developing alike—to join us in this effort for the sake of future generations.

America will do what it takes to meet the tests of this moment. Because despite all the challenges of this new century, there is no nation on Earth better positioned to seize the future than ours. The people of the world still look to us to lead. And we welcome that responsibility. We are heirs to a proud legacy of freedom, and as we showed the world this week, we are prepared to do what is necessary to secure that legacy for generations to come.

I went from befuddled, to frustrated, to nearly panicked. Every minute that ticked down was putting me closer to the disaster point of showing up late for the interview, which in itself would become a moot point since I'd just rather not show up at all in that case. I mean, if you're going to go down in flames, there's no use adding unnecessary humiliation to the heap.

I already had enough humiliation to contemplate. I imagined myself as a beachcomber living under a coconut tree, feeding on discarded packets of Chicken McNugget sauce and patching holes in my zoris with losing Lotto tickets. Passersby and tourists would see me mumbling to myself, but I'd be oblivious to them, and to the rats making nests in my unkempt hair, as my mind would be caught in a perpetual loop of playing, and re-playing, the scene of my epic necktie failure and my fall from grace.

Yes, a horrible specter, to be sure, especially if all you can scrounge is the Creamy Ranch sauce but you're a Honey-Mustard man. Fortunately, fate spared me. A dimpled half-Windsor knot finally materialized, probably owing more to muscle memory than brain power. Whew!

The day got better from there. Still, I shall never forget that morn-

Reassessing investments

Insightful intuition flags the single common denominator that direly needs revisiting: fiscal insolvency that has accumulated over the last 20 years.

Faced with obligations leapfrogging quicker than what's coming into the local coffers, we need to probe whether the foreign investment paradigm is still the way to go. This has gone on for 36 years without critical review.

Unless we understand this issue and its ramifications, only then could we put context into its relations to other collateral issues. Otherwise, we'd be suffering perennial paralysis in ignorance.

After 36 years, have we benefited from foreign investments on a lasting basis? Have any of the MPLT investments (money originating from the lease of indigenous public land) filtered down to the people it is designed to assist? If not, how do we rework the beast so it helps in the development of our people?

It seems the term "leadership" has been ossified as to paralyze entertaining the power of new ideas to move the lot of the indigenous people forward. I'd be damned if time and again we blame Uncle Sam for indigenous inadequacies. Since 1977 we've elected indigenous leadership. Uncle Sam or any of his cohorts were never directly involved in the daily operations of our government.

This is just as good a time to jerk the old mango tree to see why most of the fruits downstairs are heavily infested with fruit flies and maggots. I mean we know it's an infestation, yet we walk away from it hoping someone from the USDA would come by and do our work for us. It's our mango tree in much spouted self-government. Must own up to our responsibilities!

Is time on our side?

The subhead reminds me of a joke of a Christian asking if "God is on our side." His friend said, "Nah! God is always right. It's us that need to get things right by doing it right." True! It's the only way to get to His side of the perceptual divide.

Indeed, the issue before us is dizzying given its magnitude and our lack of professional wherewithal to address it forthwith. But we better buckle down now and begin realistic discussions to resolve the growing fiscal crisis.

As difficult as it may be, it's time to physically put aside a good portion of revenues to invest in the education of our people. I'm talking requisite skills acquisition in the United States, Europe, Japan and elsewhere in much the same way as the most successful Asian economies have done over the last 300 years. It may be time consuming involving real sacrifice, but it's the one time we could employ the proverbial first step in a thousand-mile journey to get to achieve stable economic foundation.

Hell, if we do the right things by doing them right, He will also be on our side for our resiliency to begin anew for something far more lasting.

Foreign investments

The crux of this issue reminds me of a local adage: "Never salute others with somebody else's hat." Yes, the boom years of the '80s saw millions of dollars overflowing in these isles. But notice that when they exited, we're left with breadcrumbs? In other words,

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ing and how I almost got hoisted by my own foulard.

You've got to give neckties credit for one thing: They last forever. I've got ties that are 35 years old. I reckon that a decent silk tie has the half-life of Carbon-14.

The aggregate worldwide balance, then, is biased toward accumulation, not attrition. Sure, with some deft tropical footwork it's possible to mitigate one's exposure to neckties, but trying to escape them entirely isn't fighting mere fashion, it's more like fighting physics. Every great force can work with you or against you, so take your pick.

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we're back to Poverty 101!

This is more the reason to retreat and reassess our journey moving forward. In other words, let's eventually raise our own hats when saluting others. Let it be a source of wealth from within and not from without. This issue has been ignored all along.

It would require local resolve to buckle down to the task at hand. Sure, it's easier said than done but if we employ predatory and destructive mañana, how would you answer your children about the lack of realistic security embedded in their future?

Getting our ducks in order

The never-ending saga of land compensation can easily be resolved: Earmark every penny in interest earned for this purpose with a sunset clause. Once this liability is paid, interest earned returns to traditional appropriation by the Legislature. I know of no other way to resolve this matter with finality other than earmarking it until this debt is paid in full!

The settlement fund issue requires thoughtful determination to domesticate its fiscal needs. We can't just focus on this issue at the expense of the needs of the larger majority. In other words, there are sick people to take care of and thousands of kids to educate, among others. These are areas city hall can't ignore in favor of retirees. Some happy medium should be struck to ensure their livelihood and the wellbeing of the majority are met concurrently.

Looking ahead, technology has drastically changed our way of life. It's a challenge in itself that we must learn to learn and domesticate. It begins inside the family home where we initially instill value systems on our children. Indeed, it's a long and challenging journey ahead. Education and health planners must also zero in on how technology could improve quality of instructions for our kids. This should include health planners as well. The door to explore the benefits of technology is wide open.

Travails of modernity






Most admirable the simplicity of my buddy whose break of dawn smiles light up the entire day! Over morning coffee and breakfast we'd careen in and out of ancestral cultural tradition versus modernity.

While there are the conveniences of modern amenities, there's also the accompanying cost that are tagged to each of them. My folks never had to worry about real estate insurance that also requires submitting your life insurance, prohibitively high power cost, auto insurance, health insurance and costly health deductibles, among others. There's got to be some way out of the travails of modernity.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. South winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. South winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
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Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲83 ▼77
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲83 ▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼81
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼81

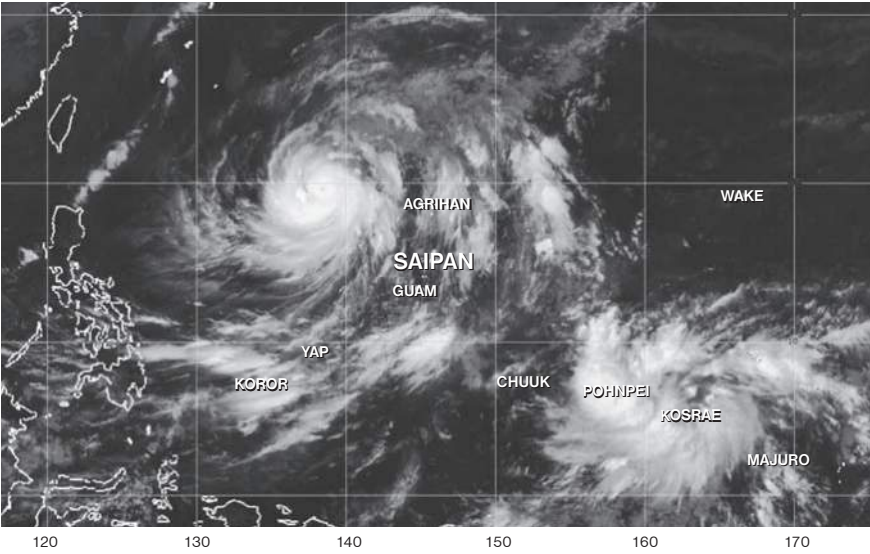
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Hong Kong	Rain	▲83 ▼76
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲69 ▼58
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲96 ▼67
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲87 ▼76
Melbourne	Sunny	▲79 ▼56
Miami	Thundershowers	▲90 ▼74
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲70 ▼62
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲75 ▼61
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲75 ▼49
Pusan	Windy	▲71 ▼62
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲76 ▼59
Salem	Sunny	▲81 ▼52
San Francisco	Sunny	▲85 ▼62
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲74 ▼54
Tokyo	Showers	▲74 ▼64
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲77 ▼67

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
2:05 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
9:34 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet
4:49 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
10:30 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Phanfone is centered 575 miles northwest of Saipan at 20N139E moving west-northwest at 16 mph with maximum sustained winds of 120 mph. Heavy showers and isolated thunderstorms are within 250 miles of the center of Phanfone between 16N and 22N from 135E to 142E. Convergent winds on the east side of Phanfone are generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over the Mariana Islands between 13N and 25N from 142E to 155E. For more information on Typhoon Phanfone, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN32 PGTW and public advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ32 PGUM. West to southwest monsoon winds are producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across Palau and Yap between 4N and 12N from 130E to 140E and south of Guam between 7N and 12N from 140E to 148E. A developing tropical disturbance is centered just north of Kosrae at about 6N163E. Scattered to numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms over Pohnpei and Kosrae states are between the equator and 11N from 156E to 170E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms in patchy areas over the Marshall Islands between 2N and 9N from 170E to 180.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:07 AM	6:05 PM
Saturday	6:07 AM	6:04 PM
Sunday	6:07 AM	6:04 PM
Monday	6:07 AM	6:03 PM
Tuesday	6:07 AM	6:02 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:41 PM	12:35 AM
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Sunday	3:25 PM	2:34 AM
Monday	4:14 PM	3:34 AM
Tuesday	5:03 PM	4:34 AM

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UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4	UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
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UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 4, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	3:05pm	3, 5, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
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SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Help, we're drowning!

During the last few weeks we've seen enough rain to capture the annual percentage of rainfall for the entire year. Bands of heavy showers and thunderstorm impacted the CNMI as a result of Tropical Storm Phanfone, which thankfully avoided us head on.

But as usually happens even with small amounts of rain, the residents of Precinct 2 (Chalan Kanoa, Fina Sisu, Susupe, and As Lito) experienced the effects of the flash flood, leaving several residents living in evacuation circumstances. Some of the residents sought refuge in the airport wartime bunkers and some at nearby hotels. Bless the American Red Cross for being there to alleviate some of the sufferings.

For decades the intersection of Tun Joaquin Doi Road and Texas Road has been flooded out continuously. Families' homes and businesses in the surrounding areas have been forced to evacuate, shutdown, and flee again.

Some of the residents have family members who are struggling with dire illnesses that they are caring for in their homes and it is critical that they be in sterile, clean, and dry environments. Evacuation was

paramount for these residents.

This flooding issue also exists in the Susupe area specifically in the intersection of Bakke Street and Tupak Street among other places.

I believe that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds have been made available to correct these issues such as the perennial flooding experienced by the residents in these areas, including the drainage systems and the sewer system at As Perdido Road that have yet to be addressed. As yet, the problem remains.

How do we get this problem addressed? It has become a significant issue in the lives of the resident of Precinct 2. It is the main corridor to get to the main Post Office and the main traffic thoroughfare getting to Beach Road from several villages in the area.

There are very few alternative from taking this route to include getting to the only community college on the island (NMC); to the Chalan Kanoa Cathedral; the cemetery; shopping centers; the courthouse, Department of Public Safety; Bureau of Motor Vehicles; and the beach, among others. This is the shortest pathway to these im-

portant destinations and, let's face it, we are all looking for ways to save gas!

Where is the relief that we have been promised? And why have we not received it? We continue to suffer not only from all of these water issues, but by insects, rodents, and other vermin infestations that affect and

compromise our health.

Our sewer lines are being affected and our water supplies also. What about the foundations of the homes and the buildings that are submerged under polluted water? This is a huge health issue!

I believe that this calamity warrants a declaration of

a "state of emergency"! And where are the departments that should be addressing these issues? Where are our representatives in whom we entrusted our votes?

We need help now! And I believe the time is now to put the so-called appropriated funds into action! We cannot

continue to compromise our residents. We cannot continue to be subjected to these Third World living conditions that breed disease, discomfort, and financial distress.

Vicente "Ben" Aldan Ichihara
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Forager Fury III flies through its halfway point



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Tinian's North Field served as the central hub of communication during the Valiant Shield 2014 and Forager Fury III exercises by allowing Marine elements on Guam, Tinian and at sea to effectively flow information with the use of expeditionary equipment in an austere environment.

By **LANCE CPL. TYLER NGIRASWEI**
III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam—Marine aircraft squadrons who arrived in Guam to participate in Valiant Shield 2014, which ended Sept. 23, pushed on to conduct Forager Fury III and have now reached their official halfway point on schedule, meeting their training objectives.

Forager Fury III is an overarching training exercise, lasting from Sept. 24 and scheduled to end Oct. 6, that emphasizes tactical aviation and aviation ground support in order to further develop a distributed, expeditionary combat capability within the Marianas Island range complex.

"We try to integrate the six functions of Marine Corps aviation," said Maj. Chris J. Denardo, the oncoming operations officer for Marine Aircraft Group 12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "We have done close air support, forward air controller [airborne] training, air interdiction, air-to-air missions, defensive counter-air, offensive

counter-air, and we are about to transition into practice air-to-surface and air-to-air missile shootings."

Guam and Tinian were ideal places to hold Forager Fury III since Japan is physically unable to accommodate the scale of the training events the Marine aircraft squadrons from MAG-32, who are assigned to the unit deployment program, and MAG-12 were participating in, according to Denardo, from Gwinnett County, Georgia.

Even though they were ideal places, they are still at the mercy of the weather.

"This area around the equator is a breeding ground for tropical storms and it develops quickly here," said Warrant Officer Jason R. Tyx, a meteorology and oceanography officer with Marine Air Control Squadron 4, Marine Air Control Group 18, 1st MAF, III MEF. "Out here where safety is the number one concern, tropical storm conditions will cease operations or suspend them."

Operations on Tinian have been reduced to a minimum due to safety purposes because of the nearing tropical storm.

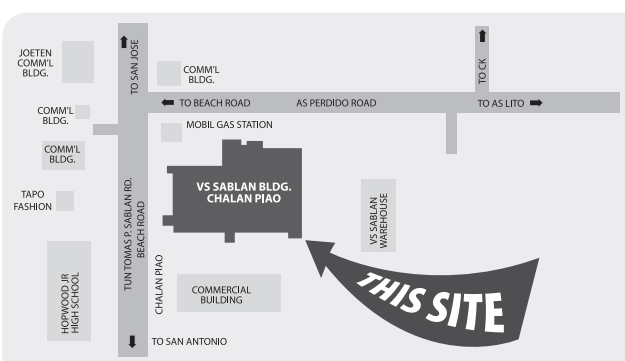
It is dangerous because communication gear and other tall objects become potential lightning rods and anything that can pick up wind, like tents, can potentially become a projectile, according to Tyx, from Buffalo, New York.

"Weather has been our main issue," said Denardo. "We have tried our best to transition to different missions or other air space, but each unit has its own unique mission essential task and overall the squadrons work pretty well."

With the winds picking up speed and the showers more frequent, the Marines are only halfway through Forager Fury III. Due to their ethic, they still push to train whenever the risk is not too high.

"What makes us Marines is that we are always ready, which is a big thing because we are our country's 911 emergency forces," said Denardo. "We are expeditionary and can go wherever, whenever. The MAG has certain missions to accomplish and these exercises keeps us ready, keeps us on edge in case our country needs us, we are prepared to fight."

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



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Happy birthday to Becky Lynn C. Lizama who is celebrating her birthday today, Oct. 3, in Arlington, Virginia. Greetings come from Becky P. Cruz, families, and friends.



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Happy Birthday to my sister, Jessica S. Deleon Guerrero, who is celebrating her birthday today, Oct. 3. Greetings come from Becky P. Cruz, families, and friends.



Advanced happy birthday to Lymmia Michelle Macaranas, who will turn 3 this Oct. 5! You added vivid color to our lives and brought us immense joy. Happy 3rd birthday, little princess. We love you to the moon and back! Hugs and kisses from Daddy, Mommy, Grandma Darlene, Ally, and CJ.

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CSC proposes updates to NMI govt's compensation program

The Civil Service Commission announced yesterday its intent to submit a draft bill to the Legislature to update the current salary schedule for Commonwealth government civil service employees. The current schedule was established by Public Law 7-31 in 1991.

Herman "HR" Deleon Guerrero, chairman of the Civil Service Commission, stated: "Since its reorganization in December 2012, the Civil Service Commission has been active in its representation of the Commonwealth's civil service employees. Through its support of the Office of Personnel Management, its efforts to resolve a backlog of personnel grievances and appeals, the initiation of bulletins from the commission to inform and educate employees, and the recent ending of the suspension

of promotional and other salary increases, the commission has been seeking to improve the employment conditions for the civil service staff of the government."

"The commission is concerned with the current compensation stagnation of the government's civil service employees. There has been no recognition of either employee performance or seniority since annual and merit increases were frozen in 2001 due to lack of funding. Additionally, the current schedule is outdated, with the first 10 out of 35 pay levels unusable because they fall almost entirely below the current minimum wage. For reasons related to both employee welfare and the technical viability of the current statutory pay schedule, action needs to be taken to correct this situation."

"The commission and [OPM] have worked together to prepare a draft bill, with a revised salary schedule included, that will revise the compensation program for the Commonwealth's civil service employees to be more economically realistic and will introduce a new salary schedule that complies with the current and future federal minimum wage program. The commission will submit its proposed bill to the Legislature for its review and, hopefully, approval. At the same time, the commission will work with the governor to attempt to restart the annual and merit increase programs as amended in the proposed bill."

Deleon Guerrero said the draft bill would be submitted to the Legislature within the next two weeks. He indicated that conversations with some members of the Legislature had already taken place and was optimistic that the bill would be approved. (CSC)

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'Modern Bride' mag to feature Saipan, Tinian

China's *Modern Bride* magazine visited Saipan and Tinian last month to prepare an article about getting married in the Northern Mariana Islands.

Sites visited during the familiarization tour from Sept. 10-14 included Coral Ocean Point Resort, Mariana Resort, Fiesta Resort & Spa dinner show, Managaha, La Tratorria, and the International Festival of Cultures. On Tinian, sites included the Tinian Blowhole, Taga Beach, and Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino.

Popular Chinese actress Wang, Luo Dan served as the model for the article. Wang has over 33 million followers

on Chinese social media Weibo and will be featured on the bridal magazine's cover.

"With the recent celebrity wedding [on] Saipan last month, there is increased awareness in China—especially via social media—of the Northern Marianas as a wedding and honeymoon destination," said Marianas Visitors Authority marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "The *Modern Bride* magazine article with Wang will be a good follow-up to that earlier coverage."

Modern Bride magazine is published by Condé Nast Media Group and has a circulation of nearly 500,000 a month, target-



China's *Modern Bride* Magazine conducted photography at Coral Ocean Point Resort on Sept. 11, 2014, in preparation for an article on the Northern Mariana Islands in December 2014.

ing readers between ages 21-30 with higher income and higher education. The article "CNMI:

Wedding Paradise" is scheduled to appear in their December 2014 issue.

Following the FAM tour, Wang also earned her beginning dive certification and

posted photos of her visit to Saipan on her Weibo account. (MVA)

October is Behavioral Health Month

By JAYSON CAMACHO
jayson_camacho@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

Gov. Eloy S. Inos inked a proclamation yesterday afternoon declaring October as Behavioral Health Month.

Joining Inos in signing the proclamation were Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Esther Muña, CHCC Community Guidance Center director Reyna Saures and staff, along with other stakeholders.

Community Guidance Center staff read the proclamation, saying that behavioral health is an essential part of health and everyone's wellness.

"The benefits of preventing and overcoming mental and substance use disorders are significant and valuable to individuals, families and the CNMI community," the proclamation states.

Herbert Sablan, substance abuse treatment supervisor at the Community Guidance Cen-

ter, said it is critical that people of the CNMI be encouraged to create preventative measures in recognizing the signs of the problem and guide people in need of services.

The proclamation states that the 2011 CNMI Behavioral Health Survey shows that adult use of alcohol is currently at 41 percent while the 2013 Youth Risk Behavior Survey reports that 33.8 percent had at least one drink—a decrease from 41.4 percent in 2011 as provided by the Public School System.

"It is great that it went down, thanks to the collaborative efforts of the staff and CHC in promoting awareness on substance abuse," Saures said.

Inos said that protecting the people of the CNMI from substance abuse is important.

"Continuing awareness and education of the dangers of substance abuse is good and I encourage the public to be aware of the abuse and its damage to health," Inos said.

JKPL to host ukulele class for beginners

Ukulele class for beginners is open for registration at the Joten Kiyu Public Library.

The class will be taught every Thursday for eight sessions from Oct. 16 to Dec. 4. It will be from 4pm to 5pm.

The class is open to anyone who is interested in learning how to play the ukulele.

The minimum age requirement is 8 years old. Adults are welcome. A \$50 prepayment is required.

Students must provide

their own ukuleles and a folder to hold music sheets and parents or guardians must sign a liability waiver form on behalf of their participating children who are minors and also must adhere to the public library policies

and procedures.

Deadline to register is on Oct. 11 and it is on a first come, first paid basis. The minimum enrollment is 15 students and maximum is 40.

For more information contact JKPL at 235-7316, 235-7322 and ask for Erlinda Naputi. (Jayson Camacho)

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP NO.: RFP14-BECQ-153**

SUBMISSION DATE: OCTOBER 22, 2014 **TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

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THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 19, 2014 AT THE DEQ OFFICE LOCATED AT THE GUALO RAI CENTER BUILDING, ON CHALAN PALE ARNOLD ROAD, SAIPAN OR ELECTRONICALLY BY E-MAIL REQUEST TO raymasga@deq.gov.mp DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

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/S/ FRANK M. RABULJIMAN
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TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold its Regular Meeting on Wednesday, October 8, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. with continuation on Thursday, October 9, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference Room.

AGENDA

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

- I. Preliminary
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Adoption of Agenda
 - d. Adoption of Minutes
- II. Public Comments
- III. Reports
 - a. Chair's Report
 - b. Executive Director's Report
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
 - a. Ratification of Table Movement Requests
 - b. TDHC Casino Employee Licenses & Applications and Hotel Employee Registrations

Thursday, October 9, 2014

- c. To receive Executive Director's Recommendation and enter TCGCC Decision in re: TCGCC Proceeding No. 14-001 relating to the Plenary Casino License of HW Golden Island Holdings, Ltd.
- d. To receive Executive Director's Recommendation and enter TCGCC Decision in re: TCGCC Proceeding No. 14-002 relating to the Conditional Casino License of Neo Gold Wings Paradise Saipan Corporation
- e. To receive Executive Director's Recommendation and enter TCGCC Decision in re: TCGCC Proceeding No. 14-003 relating to the Conditional Casino License of Marianas Resort Development Company

- VI. Executive Session
- VII. Miscellaneous/Administrative Matters
- VIII. Adjournment

*Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
*Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

JOY MALLICK] FCD-DI
Petitioner,] CIVIL ACTION
] NO. 14-0417
vs.]
]
RAYNA FRANCES]
S. MALLICK]
]
Respondent,]

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Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2014

/s/ Clerk of Court

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/s/
JESSE S. PALACIOS
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Island Snapshots



CHIEF TAGA SPONSOR
IT&E donates \$10,000 to the American Red Cross NMI Chapter in support of the chapter's annual Club 200 fundraiser. "We are very grateful for IT&E's generous contribution," said Viola Sablan, second vice chair. Receiving the generous donation are Red Cross Board members Nola Hix and Viola Sablan along with the Chapter executive director John Hirsh.

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The Shack donates \$2,500 to the American Red Cross Club 200 event. "We couldn't do this kind of humanitarian work to help people who are in need without the support of our community," said John Hirsh. The donation was received by Red Cross board members and staff. From left to right: John Hirsh, Sveta Rawlosophy, Gloria Hunter, Tayna Belyeu-Camacho, Glenn Hunter, and Nola Hix.

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Team EXOTIC donates to the American Red Cross in support of the 26th Annual Club 200 fundraiser. Team Exotic has been a proud supporter of the American Cross Club 200 for the past 12 years. Their commitment to furthering our humanitarian mission is commendable.

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GENEROUS DONATIONS
Delta Air Lines is a Chief Taga Sponsor for the 26th Annual Club 200 fundraiser. The American Red Cross-NMI chapter recognized Delta Air Lines as a major donor for this year's Club 200. Delta Air Lines generously donated \$10,000 to help the local Red Cross Chapter fulfill its humanitarian mission. "We are extremely grateful to Delta Air Lnes for being a long-time supporter of the American Red Cross," said Tayna Belyeu-Camacho. From left to right: John Hirsh, Tayna Belyeu-Camacho, Joshua Sasamoto, Chris Concepcion, Nola Hix, and Paul Camacho.

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Marianas Health, LLC donates to the American Red Cross NMI Chapter in support of the 26th Annual Club 200 gala fundraiser, which will be at the Fiesta Resort & Spa on Oct. 4, 2014. From left to right: Pam Carhill, Maria Pangelinan, Tayna Belyeu-Camacho, Marlene Cruz, Rita Cruz, and John Hirsh.

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CLEANUP TEAM HITS GROTTO
As part of the International Coastal Cleanup, over 20 staffers from the Marianas Visitors Authority, Northern Mariana Dive Operators Association, and the Division of Parks & Recreation joined the clean-up of Grotto on Sept. 19, 2014. Grotto is the most popular dive site in the Northern Mariana Island.

MVA

Saipan, Tinian, Rota now on Street View of Google Maps

Starting Sept. 25, tourist attractions and urban districts on Saipan, Tinian and Rota now can be viewed by using Street View within Google Maps. In addition, Google Map Business View to see panoramic images of the insides of buildings and shops, as well as Indoor Google Maps to see directories of different facilities in the islands.

Street View collection on

Saipan, Tinian and Rota started in May and June 2014 under the cooperation of Marianas Visitors Authority. Now that the streets and buildings on Saipan, Tinian and Rota are virtually accessible on Street View, the potential travelers who are interested in the islands can easily acquire ample visual knowledge of the destinations. In addition to Managaha Island, one of the most beautiful

STREET VIEWS

The places and facilities available for viewing in Street View, Business View, Indoor Google Map within Google Map are the following:

Google Street View: Saipan

- Marianas Visitors Office
- Northern Mariana Islands Museum
- Navy Hill Light House
- Santa Lourdes Shrine
- American Memorial Park
- Banzai Cliff
- Bird Island Lookout
- Forbidden Island
- Jefferey’s Beach
- Ladder Beach
- Managaha Island
- Marine Beach
- Micro Beach
- Mount Tapochao
- Obyan Beach
- Okinawa Memorial
- Pau Pau Beach
- San Juan Beach
- Sugar King Park
- Suicide Cliff
- Tank Beach
- The Grotto
- Wing Beach
- Saipan Zoo

Tinian

- House of Taga
- Atomic Bomb Lodging Pits
- Blow Hole
- Chulu Beach

- Kammer Beach
- Long Beach
- Mt. Lasso Shinto Shrine
- Suicide Cliff
- Tachonga Beach
- Taga Beach
- Ushi Point (Puntan Tahgong)

Rota

- As Matmos Cliff
- l’Chenchon Park Bird Sanctuary
- Pona Point
- Rota Matsushima (Pinatang Park)
- Senbon Yashi
- Swimming Hole
- Taga Latte Stone Quarry
- Teteto Beach
- Tweksberry Beach

Facilities to participate in Google Business View: Saipan

- T Galleria Saipan by DFS
- I LOVE SAIPAN - Star Sands Plaza
- Joeten Hafa Adai Shopping Center
- Aqua Resort Club Saipan
- Aquarius Beach Tower
- Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel
- Coral Ocean Point Resort Club
- Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan

Tinian

- Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino



Images captured from Business View: Hyatt Regency Saipan and LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort.



places on Saipan, people can also view tourist attractions such as Forbidden Island and Grotto. Major hotels and shops on Saipan, including T Galleria Saipan by DFS, are now ex-

plorable on Business View in Google Maps, providing an experience similar to that you’d get in shops, which are useful also for avid shoppers who visit Saipan. Furthermore, additional details about some hotels and

shops are available in Indoor Google Maps. Street View, Business View, and Indoor Google Maps are featured on Google Maps across Internet-connected devices. The Marianas Visitors Au-

thority will capitalize on these features within Google Maps to make the Northern Mariana Islands better known to the public all over the world, which is the overseas everlasting summer beach resort. (MVA)

Death & Funeral Announcement

In Loving Memory

†JUAN SABLAN DEMAPAN

Was born on October 18, 1953 and called to his eternal rest on September 24, 2014

Predeceased by:

- Father** : †Gregorio Deleon Guerrero Demapan
- Mother** : †Micaela Sablan Demapan
- Brothers** : †Miguel S. Demapan; †Isaias S. Demapan & †Ramon S. Demapan;
- Son** : † Juan B. Demapan

- Father In Law** : †Domingo Blanco Barcinas
- Mother In Law** : †Carmen Sablan Barcinas
- Brothers In Law** : †Herman Dlg. Sablan; †Antonio S. Barcinas; † Jesus S. Barcinas; †Antonio S. Barcinas; & †Jose S. Barcinas

Survived by:

- Wife** : Rita Barcinas Demapan
- Children** : Carmen Carla Demapan-Fernandez & Marcos Fernandez (Heilyng); Beth Rita B. Demapan; John Jerome B. Demapan; Paul Lawrence B. Demapan & Shelina G. Cruz (Sequoia Lane)

Brothers, Sisters & In Laws:

- Frances T. Demapan & Family
- Antonio S. & Ignacia T. Demapan & Family
- Ana D. & Jesus M. Castro & Family
- Jose S. & Susana B. Demapan & Family
- Roman S. & Rosita R. Demapan & Family
- David S. & Jovita C. Demapan & Family
- Mary Ann D. & Carlos A. Calvo & Family
- Thomas S. Demapan
- Bryan/Darren/Kelly T. Demapan
- Nadine P. Sablan & Family
- Yoneko S. Barcinas & Family
- Concepcion B. & Jose Q. Castro & Family
- Dolores B. & George A. Sablan & Family
- Francisco S. & Maritess T. Barcinas & Family

Step Mother : Maura T. Demapan

Mass is being offered at 6:00 p.m. at San Vicente Church. On Monday, October 6, 2014 his body will leave the Borja Funeral Home at 8:00 a.m. and will be escorted to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral for responsu, rosary, viewing, and last respects. Mass of Christian burial will be offered at 11:00 a.m. followed by internment and burial at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Danghulu na Si Yu'us Ma' ase, Oloomwaa, and Thank you.

Rita Barcinas Demapan, Children and Family



FIRST YEAR DEATH ANNIVERSARY

In Loving memory of

† *Lydia Flores Santos*

Lovingly known as “*Lyd*”

We, the family, humbly invite all of our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the passing of our dearly beloved unto eternal life.

Mass of Intentions will be celebrated at Santa Soledad Church in Kagman at 6:00PM beginning on Friday, October 3rd until the last day on Saturday, October 11th, 2014.

Your presence and prayers will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You – Si Yu’us Ma’ase

The Family

Off The Wall



Reports: China body-searched 10,000 pigeons

BEIJING (AP)—The 10,000 doves released in a ceremony Wednesday for China's National Day underwent unusual scrutiny, each having its feathers and anus checked for dangerous materials, state-run media reports said, reflecting government jitters over possible attacks.

The symbols of peace were

Pigeons fly over Tiananmen Gate after they were released in a flag raising ceremony on National Day, the 65th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, in Beijing Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2014.

released at sunrise in Beijing's symbolic heart of Tiananmen Square in a ceremony for the Oct. 1 holiday to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

Beijing domestic security police officer Guo Chunwei was quoted in the Jinhua Times as saying workers checked the wings, legs and anus of each pigeon ahead of time to ensure they were "not carrying suspicious material." The entire process was videotaped, and the birds were then loaded into sealed vehicles for the trip to Tiananmen Square, the newspaper said.

A similar report appeared in the Beijing News, and the People's Daily tweeted about it in English: "10,000 pigeons go through anal security check for suspicious objects Tue, ready to be released on National Day on Wed."

The reports—which did not say what the suspicious materials might be—drew amused and derisive responses from some Chinese readers, and many news sites, including the Beijing News website, later deleted the reports. However, the Jinhua Times report and the People's Daily tweet were still visible as of midday Wednesday.

Members of the Chinese public responded with sarcasm because they see in the pigeon body searches their own plight in what they consider an oppressive society with tight surveillance, censorship and judicial injustice, independent columnist Zhang Ping said in an editorial that was circulated on social media under his pen name, Changping.

"The liberty and dignity of citizens are increasingly vulnerable, and can be expropriated at any time, like with the pigeons," Zhang wrote. "They have to go through the pains and insults of the rude anal check and yet they must appear peaceful and happy on the screen of the state broadcaster."

The notched-up security measures reflect heightened concern about violence following a string of attacks blamed on separatist militants from the country's ethnic Uighur Muslim minority, as well as bus explosions and random slashing attacks attributed to disgruntled individuals.

Last October, three Uighurs in a vehicle rammed through crowds in front of Tiananmen Gate in central Beijing and set off explosives in an attack that killed themselves and three bystanders.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

New Mexico hopes 'singing road' curbs speeding

TIJERAS, N.M. (AP)—New Mexico transportation officials are hoping a "singing road" along historic Route 66 will curb speeding. Tigress Productions is creating the road between Albuquerque and the mountain community of Tijeras for a new National Geographic Channel series dubbed "Crowd Control" that will debut in November. The road uses a series of rumble strips to create music. The driver will hear the tune as long as the speed limit is obeyed. There are only a few such "singing roads" in the world. Aside from getting drivers to slow down, state Transportation Secretary Tom Church says the rumble strips will keep drowsy drivers from falling asleep at the wheel. He says the goal of the experiment is to change driver behavior in a fun way by giving them a reward for obeying the speed limit.

Police: Worker hid \$1,200 worth of meat in pants

CROTON-ON-HUDSON, N.Y. (AP)—A New York supermarket employee has been accused of leaving the store with \$1,200 worth of meat hidden in his pants. State police say Gregory Rodriguez, of Ossining, is charged with fourth-degree grand larceny. Rodriguez works at the A&P in Croton-on-Hudson. Police were called Monday about the theft. Rodriguez was arrested Tuesday. A state police spokeswoman, Trooper Melissa McMorris, says the theft occurred in one day. She did not know if it involved more than one trip to the store. Rodriguez was arraigned Tuesday night in Cortlandt and sent to the Westchester County Jail.

FTC to retailers: Drop your caffeinated drawers

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—If you purchased caffeine-infused underwear because of promises it will make you thinner, federal regulators say you were hoodwinked—but at least you can get your money back. The Federal Trade Commission announced Monday that two companies—Norm Thompson Outfitters of Oregon and Wacoal America Inc. of New Jersey—have agreed to refund \$1.5 million to consumers who purchased "shapewear" that supposedly can reduce cellulite and fat because it is infused with caffeine, vitamin E and other things. "Caffeine-infused shapewear is the latest 'weight-loss brew' concocted by marketers," Jessica Rich, director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection, said in a statement. "If someone says you can lose weight by wearing the clothes they are selling, steer clear."

Message Of Appreciation

WE, THE FAMILY OF LATE

† *Abel Vincenzo Olopai Pellegrino*

WISH TO EXPRESS OUR WHOLEHEARTED APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO ALL OUR DEAR FRIENDS, RELATIVES AND EMPLOYEES WHO UNSELFISHLY SHARED THEIR SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT AS WE MOURN THE UNTIMELY PASSING OF OUR BELOVED SON, WONDERFUL BROTHER, TALENTED AND AMAZING FRIEND.

YOUR THOUGHTFUL PRAYERS, COMFORT AND COMPASSION HAVE HELPED US EASE OUR MOST PAINFUL TIME OF SORROW. WE SINCERELY CHERISHED YOUR UNTIRING PRESENCE DURING THE NIGHTLY ROSARIES, MASSES AND AT THE FINAL MOMENT WITH OUR BELOVED **ABEL**. YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED.

OUR FAMILY PERSONALLY THANK YOU, KRISTO RAI PARISH, ALL THE MINISTERS, THE CLERGY, THE CHOIR, MR. & MRS. VIC-MARCY CEPEDA, FRANK CABRERA,, THE CATERERS, LISUA-KAIPAT FAMILY, JEN & MIKE, MR. & MRS. KEN GOVENDO. TO ALL OUR FRIENDS IN HAWAII.

WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR BUSINESS ASSOCIATES AND FRIENDS WHO SENT BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS AND GIFTS. TO ALL WHO HAVE HELPED US IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. TO ALL OUR FAMILY NEAR AND FAR. THANK YOU, WE ARE FOREVER GRATEFUL.

GOD BLESS US ALL

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE

Mila Parchamento Pellegrino

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By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: You hit on one of my favorite annoyances by advising your readers never to click on links contained in email messages (see tinyurl.com/nxua6u7). What about all the legitimate emails people receive from companies that contain email links?—Clive Walden, Carlsbad, Calif.

A: At a time when many corporate-looking emails are really clever fakes containing links to malicious websites, how are consumers to know which emails to trust? I suggest erring on the side of caution and not clicking on any links contained in emails.

Legitimate corporations can adapt by not putting clickable links in their emails, and instead directing consumers to find more information at their websites. (Consumers should still visit only websites with straightforward addresses such as Google.com, not suspicious similar names such as Go-Google.com.) This approach may not please marketers who want consumers

to make impulse purchases by clicking on links in emails. But it will help protect consumers.

Q: My computer is slow when I try to reach websites. And when I write email messages, I have to wait for


what I've typed to show up on the screen. I've tried different computer cleaning methods without success; the most recent change I made is to reinstall Microsoft Security Essentials because it appeared to be gone.

What should I do?—Marilyn Remer, Savage, Minn.

A: If Microsoft Security Essentials disappeared, it's likely that your PC is infected with malicious software. If so, the PC may be slow because it's being

used to relay spam email. Try running the free version of the Malwarebytes security program (see tinyurl.com/dx3u46y).

But also check your Internet speed by going to speedtest.net and clicking "begin test."




First Death Anniversary
† **ROMAN SABLÁN PALACIOS**
born on October 16, 1945 and called to his eternal rest on October 10, 2013

The families of the late Roman Sablan Palacios and Anuncia Sablan Palacios would like to extend an invitation to our relatives and friends in joining us as we remember them on their first and fifth death anniversaries.

Daily mass will be held at 6:00AM from Thursday, October 2nd through Friday, October 10th at Mount Carmel Cathedral.

Thank You & Si Yu'us Ma'ase,
Patricia T. Palacios & Children and The Children of the Late Anuncia S. Palacios and Their Families



Fifth Death Anniversary
† **ANUNCIA SABLÁN PALACIOS**
born on March 20, 1923 and called to her eternal rest on October 16, 2009

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

† *Susana Rios Tokyo*

Lovingly known as "Susanan Dasu"

July 08, 1952 – September 27, 2014

In Her new life, she now joins her:
Parents: †Francisco Santos Rios
†Angelina Borja Peredo

Her Memories will forever live in the hearts of her:
Husband: Michael M. Tokyo
Children and Families:
Victoria and Malo Paulis (Michael Henry, Benigno, Gregory, Borong)
Angelina and +Dennis T. Camacho (Dennis Jr., Vicente, Giovanni, Susan, Tomas, Austin, Justin, Alfreda)
Hilda and Gordon Salas (Gordon Jr., Shania, Ha'ani, Ma'ina)
Chuji and Lillian
Julie and Reed Camacho (Reed Jr., +Reeve)
Christine and Steve Quinata (Mary Jane, Meraiyah, Stephanie)
Dorothy and Jasper Saures (Mika, Kuiipo, James, Jasper Jr., Jared, Jackary)
Annie and Joe Indalecio (Joseph Jr., Joann, Giovanni, Joenni)
Melinda and Afzal Hossain (Manuel, Afsana, Ben, Michael)

Brothers, Sisters and In-Laws:
Annie and Vic Vergara and Children, Rosa and +Jesus Tydingco and Children, +Lucas and Debra Rios and Children, +Beatrice and Mike Troup and Children, Armando and Sara Villafuerte and Children, Julius and Betsy Villafuerte and Children, Christopher and Melly Villafuerte and Children, Dorothy and Dana Kurtz and Children

She is additionally survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

Nightly Rosary is being prayed at her residence in Tinaktak Drive in Koblerville.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, October 06, 2014. Her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 7:30 am to St. Jude Thaddeus Church.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00am followed by Interment services at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Please Join Us in Prayers,
The Family



First Year Death Anniversary

In Loving Memory of

† **Jesus Igisomar Wabol**

Lovingly known as "Jess"

We, the family of the late †Jesus Igisomar Wabol would like to invite all our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the first year death anniversary of our beloved unto eternal life.

Mass of Intention will be celebrated at the St. Jude Church in Koblerville on the following dates and time:



October 2, 2014 (Thursday)	: 6:00 p.m.
October 3, 2014 (Friday)	: 6:00 p.m.
October 4, 2014 (Saturday)	: 7:00 a.m.
October 5, 2014 (Sunday)	: 8:00 a.m.
October 6, 2014 (Monday)	: 6:00 p.m.
October 7, 2014 (Tuesday)	: 6:00 p.m.
October 8, 2014 (Wednesday)	: 6:00 p.m.
October 9, 2014 (Thursday)	: 6:00 p.m.

On the final day, Friday, October 10, 2014, Rosary will be said at 5:15 p.m., followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m. at the St. Jude Church. Dinner will be served immediately after the mass at the family residence in Fina Sisu.

Your prayers and presence are greatly appreciated.

Olomwaay - Si Yu'us Ma'ase – Thank You

The Family



Life & Style

Facebook apologizes to drag queens for name policy

NEW YORK (AP)—Facebook is apologizing to drag queens and the transgender community for deleting accounts that used drag names like Lil Miss Hot Mess rather than legal names such as Bob Smith.

The world's biggest online social network caught heat recently when it deleted several hundred accounts belonging to self-described drag queens, other performers and members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. Facebook has long required its users to go by their "real names" on the site for security purposes, to stand out from other social networks and so it can better target advertising to people. Now, the company says the spirit of its policy doesn't mean a person's legal name but "the authentic name they use in real life."

"For Sister Roma, that's Sister Roma. For Lil Miss Hot Mess, that's Lil Miss Hot Mess," Chris Cox, Facebook's vice president of product wrote in a blog post Wednesday.

Though the real names policy isn't changing, the way Facebook enforces it might.

Last month, the company suggested that performers such as drag queens have other ways of maintaining their stage identities

on the site, such as creating pages that are meant for businesses and public figures. But a fan page is not the same as a regular Facebook account and users were not happy with the suggestion.

While standing by the real names policy on Wednesday, Cox said "we see through this event that there's lots of room for improvement in the reporting and enforcement mechanisms, tools for understanding who's real and who's not, and the customer service for anyone who's affected."

The Transgender Law Center, a San Francisco based transgender rights advocacy group that met with Facebook over the issue on Wednesday, said it is "excited to work in good faith with Facebook to address all the concerns raised in today's meeting."

"What was made clear today is that Facebook is ready to collaborate with our communities and shares our values of making sure everyone is able to safely be their authentic self online," the group said in an e-mailed statement.

Cox also shed some light on



In this Sept. 17, 2014 file photo, drag queens from left, Lil Ms. Hot Mess, Sister Roma and Heklina, take turns speaking about their battle with Facebook during a news conference at City Hall in San Francisco, Calif.

why so many accounts with drag names and other stage names suddenly started getting deleted.

"An individual on Facebook

decided to report several hundred of these accounts as fake," he wrote. "These reports were among the several hundred

thousand fake name reports we process every single week, 99 percent of which are bad actors doing bad things: imperson-

ation, bullying, trolling, domestic violence, scams, hate speech, and more—so we didn't notice the pattern."

'Good Lie' actors' past guides their performances

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Emmanuel Jal couldn't cry on command.

Despite behind-the-scenes assistance from some tear-inducing eye drops, the stoic hip-hop artist, activist and sometimes

actor struggled to turn on the waterworks while filming his most emotional scene in "The Good Lie," a fictionalized account of Sudanese refugees coming to America.

"It did not work," said Jal. "I had to look for tears within and become vulnerable like a child."

The tears flowed naturally for Jal, a former child soldier, only when he recalled the times he lost family members during a bloody civil war in his native Sudan. They flowed, too, when he considered cannibalizing his dying friend after escaping from the rebel South Sudan army. Channeling his own pain, he found the power to weep on set.

"The Good Lie," originally conceived more than a decade ago by screenwriter Margaret Nagle, centers on a group of Sudanese children trekking 1,000 miles on foot, evading rebel soldiers, battling starvation and eventually finding asylum in the U.S.

It's a real-world tale Jal knows well. After fleeing from rebels, he was smuggled into Kenya by a British aid worker in the 1990s. He was 11 years old. (Jal served as the subject of the 2008 documentary "War Child.")

In the "Good Lie," he portrays Paul, the quick-learning member of a surviving trio of



In this Monday, Sept. 29, 2014 photo, Ger Duany, Arnold Oceng, and Emmanuel Jal pose for a portrait during press day for "The Good Lie" at Le Montrose Hotel in Los Angeles.

adopted brothers who are relocated to Kansas City as adults, separated from their sister, who was dispatched to Boston.

Jal is joined on screen by fellow former Sudanese refugee Ger Duany and British actor Arnold Oceng, who plays the group's de-facto chief tasked with reuniting the family in America. Reese Witherspoon

stars as a plucky employment agency representative who helps the men adjust to modern life in their new country.

"The Good Lie" director Philippe Falardeau and casting director Mindy Marin originally set out on a six-month search to recruit actors of Sudanese descent for the movie, which was filmed in both South Africa and

Atlanta. They ultimately cast Jal and Duany, as well as several children of the actual "lost boys and girls of Sudan" as younger renditions of the characters.

"Someone said this movie has not been made for 11 years, but the way I see it is that this movie has been waiting for us for 11 years," said Jal over lunch with Duany and Oceng. "It's been waiting for the right people to come together and become a family. Reese probably would not have been interested back then. It might have been somebody else, and it might not have worked."

While the film's poster features Witherspoon's face and name, "The Good Lie" focuses wholly on the humanitarian effort that brought thousands of young Sudanese refugees to the U.S.

"She's a legend, a mentor, a mother," said Duany, who plays the optimist Jeremiah. "She's a powerhouse who really sold the story. None of us could do that but her. The cool part of working with her is that she's so generous, you forget she's Reese. She just became a close friend. Not only did she take this role, but she took the time to go to the refugee camp where the story came from."

The film became a learning experience for both the Oscar-

winning star and Oceng, who has been acting in British films and TV shows since he was 6 years old. Oceng portrays Mamer, the group's leader, who dreams of going to medical school to become a doctor but is instead stuck stacking shelves at a grocery store.

"I didn't know anything (about Sudan's civil war)," said Oceng, who was raised by his Ugandan mother in England. "I feel ashamed that I didn't know about it. ... My father was from South Sudan, but he passed away when I was very young. I never knew my Sudanese family, so that's why I feel ashamed because I'm actually half Sudanese."

The film, out Friday, comes at a time when South Sudan has again been wracked by civil strife and the "Good Lie" stars are hopeful their fictionalized characters will draw international attention to violence that has killed thousands since December.

"It's like pointing a spotlight in a dark place," said Jal, who also has some of his music featured in the film. "When you point a spotlight at a dark place, the evil will perform less. That's the power of storytelling. Yes, the story is a combination of all the lost boys' stories, but I can see what it will achieve when it's projected in the world. It will be a conscious global awakening."

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'Interstellar' to be released 2 days early on film

NEW YORK (AP)—Christopher Nolan's space epic "Interstellar" will open two days early in theaters projecting the movie on film, rather than digital.

Paramount Pictures and Warner Bros. announced the unusual pre-release on Wednesday. "Interstellar" will first play in 225 select North American theaters beginning Nov. 5 ahead of the film's Nov. 7 wide release.

The theaters will play "Interstellar" on either 70mm Imax film, 70mm film or 35mm film. Nolan shot the movie with a combination of 35mm film and 65mm Imax film.

The director has long been a vocal advocate for celluloid, which has been widely phased out of both movie production and projection by digital.

Jeter: Players can share their stories on my site

NEW YORK (AP)—Derek Jeter is among the most media-savvy athletes on the planet, but he says it came through trial and error.

"I think you learn through experience,"

he told The Associated Press in an interview

Wednesday, three days after he finished his 20th and final sea-



Jeter

son with the New York Yankees. "I've made my fair share of mistakes with the media."

Jeter is hoping to help other athletes avoid those mistakes—and get out their own "unfiltered" stories—with the launch of The Players Tribune website.

Musical of 'Doctor Zhivago' coming to Broadway in 2015

By **MARK KENNEDY**
AP DRAMA WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—The latest version of "Cinderella" will soon disappear from the Broadway Theatre, but another sweepingly romantic musical is ready to take its place—"Doctor Zhivago."

Producers said Wednesday that the tale of five intertwined lovers set during final days of Czarist Russia will be led by two-time Tony Award winner Des McAnuff, who also directed "Jersey Boys."

Casting is to be announced soon. Previews will begin March 27 with an opening on April 21.

The musical made its world premiere in 2006 under McAnuff's direction at the La Jolla Playhouse in California. In 2011, a revised "Doctor Zhivago" opened at the Lyric Theatre in Sydney.

It has a book by Academy Award nominee Michael Weller ("Ragtime"), music by Grammy Award winner Lucy Simon ("The Secret Garden"), lyrics by Tony nominee Michael Korie ("Grey Gardens") and Emmy Award nominee Amy Powers ("Ella Enchanted"), and choreography by Tony nominee Kelly Devine ("Rocky the Musical"). Scenic design will be by Michael Scott-Mitchell and costume design will be by Paul Tazewell.

The 1965 film version is a classic, starring Omar Sharif, Julie Christie, Geraldine Chaplin, Rod Steiger and Alec Guinness. It got 10 Academy Award nominations but lost the film best Oscar to "The Sound of Music."

Boris Pasternak's original novel, a critical portrait of the Russian Revolution, earned him the Nobel Prize for literature in 1958—and the enduring enmity of the Soviet regime.

Tony Bennett sets mark as oldest act with No. 1 LP

NEW YORK (AP)—Even at age 88, Tony Bennett is still reaching No. 1 on the charts.

The singer is once again the oldest performer with a No. 1 album on the Billboard 200 for "Cheek to Cheek," his jazz duets collaboration with Lady Gaga.

"Cheek to Cheek" sold more than 131,000 copies since its release last week, according to Nielsen SoundScan, edging ahead of new albums by Kenny Chesney and Barbra Streisand. The placement gives Bennett his second No. 1 overall and Gaga her third consecutive No. 1 album.

Bennett established the previous record of 85 years old with the 2011 release of "Duets II," an album that included a song with Lady Gaga.

"Cheek to Cheek" also landed at No. 1 on the jazz albums and traditional jazz album charts.



In this Feb. 24, 2014 file photo, singer Tony Bennett poses at the 20th anniversary screening of "A Bronx Tale" in New York.

Family gives Lady Antebellum new outlook

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Before singer Charles Kelley and his Lady Antebellum bandmates started writing songs for their new album, Kelley's wife advised him to take a few chances rather than stick to the minimal, mellow sound that dominated the trio's last two albums.

"She was like, 'If I hear another one of these songs from you ... I'm going to be a little bored by it,'" Kelley said of the conversation with his wife, Cassie. "And I was like, 'That really hurts my feelings.' But then I stepped back and I was like, 'You know, she's right.'"

Others were having that same epiphany about the future of the Grammy-winning trio, who catapulted to stardom in 2009 with the multiplatinum pop hit "Need You Now."

Hillary Scott has a new perspective, thanks to her 1-year-old daughter, Eisele.



"I'm about to watch my daughter see the world for the first time, every single day," Scott said of her frame of mind as they started recording their fifth album, "747," released

Tuesday. "Let's make this fun."

They amped up their sound by switching to producer Nathan Chapman, who helped Taylor Swift cross over from country to pop and also produced Lady A's

In this June 4, 2014 file photo, members of Lady Antebellum, from left, Dave Haywood, Hillary Scott and Charles Kelley arrive at the CMT Awards in Nashville, Tenn.

last single, "Compass," from their 2013 album, "Golden."

The trio—rounded out by Dave Haywood—continued their pattern of recording with a live band to capture the energy in the studio, but then Chapman would stay up all hours of the night adding embellishments like loops, dubs and even a backward guitar lick on one song, "Sounded Good at the Time."

"We felt like we had had a little bit of a slowdown period and weren't the new kids on the block anymore," Kelley said. "And now you have to fight to stay relevant. The sound of country music had changed a little bit, much more rocking."

Dad's other woman causes stress throughout family

DEAR ABBY: My father is dating a woman who is not only my ex-boyfriend's mother, but also the woman he cheated on my mother with and left her for. I don't want to be around her and have told my father this, but he doesn't accept or respect my feelings. Being around them causes stress on my marriage because my husband doesn't want to be around her either, and we don't want her around our children.

This is causing so much stress that at times I'm afraid it could end our marriage. When I try to talk to Dad about this, he acts like there is no reason for me to be uncomfortable and blames my husband for these feelings. It's like he completely denies that there is any way I could feel the way I do, even though she has brought nothing but negativity into my life.

I don't know what to do. I want to still have a relationship with my dad, but my marriage comes before this. How can I keep both?

IN THE MIDDLE IN PENSACOLA

DEAR IN THE MIDDLE: Your father refuses to acknowledge your feelings because he sees you only as an extension of himself. Your opinions "surely" must match his own, and if they don't, then they must have been planted there by someone else. In his mind, he and his lady friend have done nothing wrong, so how could you possibly object? That you could have

a moral compass that points in a different direction is not on his radar.

Because your dad insists on imposing this woman on your family, recognize that you probably can't have one without the other. That will mean seeing your father far less than you would like, and away from your husband and children—if at all. Under no circumstances should you allow your father to destroy your marriage as he did his own.

DEAR ABBY: I was wondering if you could help me out with a co-worker who is constantly on her phone. Four, five, sometimes eight times a day she is making and accepting personal calls. It's very distracting to the rest of the office. When she's not at her desk, it's then my responsibility to cover for her.

I would like to find a polite way to say "these phone calls can be made after hours." I do NOT want to ruffle any feathers. Any advice would be greatly appreciated.

TOO CHICKEN TO TALK

DEAR TOO CHICKEN: The company's policy on personal calls during business hours should be a part of the employee handbook. If it isn't, it should be brought to the attention of your employer or supervisor so it can be included when the handbook is updated.

DEAR ABBY

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Ideally, the person to speak to your co-worker about this would be your boss. Because these calls are distracting the other employees, your boss should be made aware of it so he or she can deal with it.

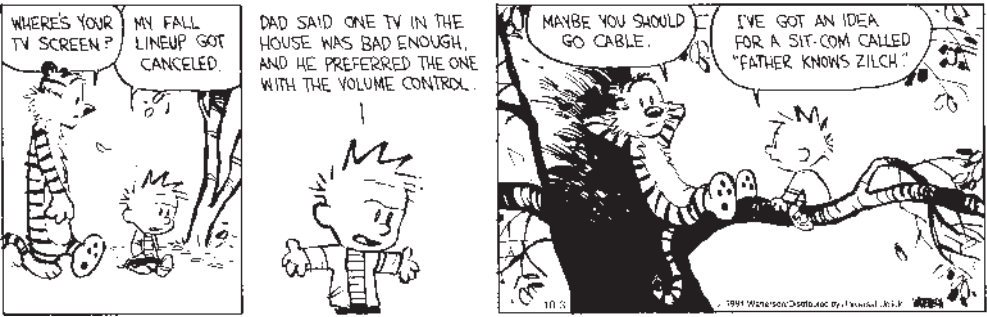
TO MY JEWISH READERS: Tonight at sundown, Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish calendar, begins. It's a day of fasting, reflection, prayer and repentance. To all of you, may your fast be an easy one.

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Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



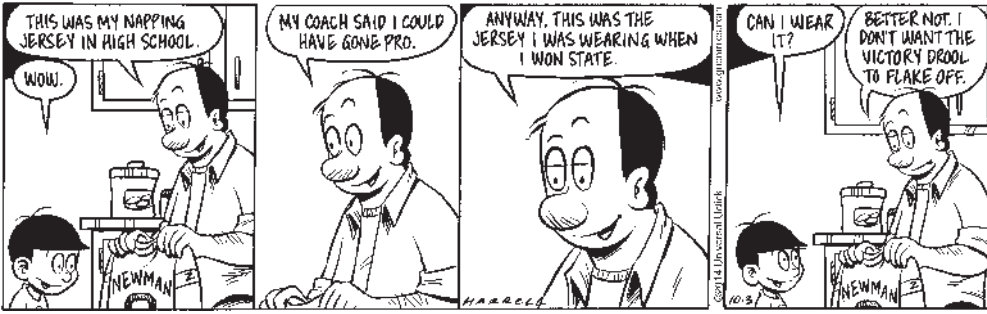
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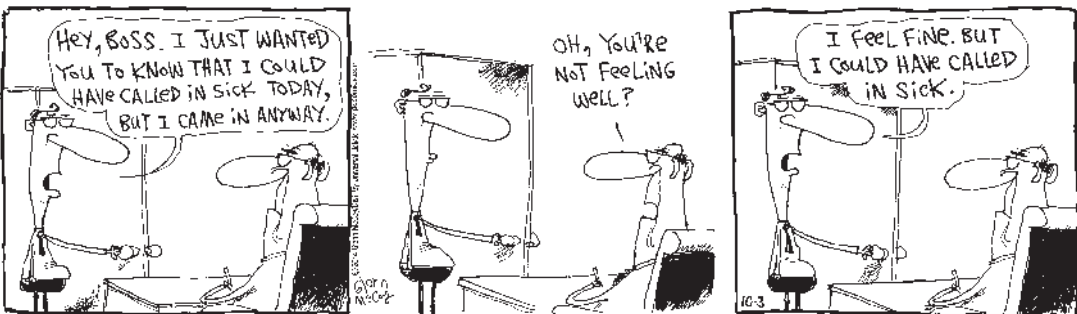
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Yesterday's answer 10-3

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Seann William Scott, 38; Lena Headey, 41; Gwen Stefani, 45; Chubby Checker, 73.

Happy Birthday: Schedule your time wisely. Giving everyone a fair shot will be important if you want to avoid complaints. Too much of anything will work against you. Let your heart lead the way, and you won't be disappointed with the results you get. Travel and learning are highlighted and will help you find solutions and make positive changes. Your numbers are 4, 17, 25, 27, 31, 42, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Schedule a day trip or shopping spree. The discoveries and information you pick up will help you choose a new look or attitude that will build your courage and confidence to pursue your dreams, hopes and wishes. Love is in the stars. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Stay calm. Overreacting will not solve any of your problems. Emotional turmoil is apparent, but if you throw your energy and time into getting ahead professionally, you will bypass the negatives that go hand-in-hand with being indulgent. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Self-improvement is the name of the game, along with flirting, socializing and romance. A career opportunity is apparent; updating and sending out your resume will bring about a change that can improve your standard of living. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Separate the negative from the positive influences in your life and do your best to head down the path that offers the most stability. Your creative imagination is working overtime, and putting your

ideas on paper will lead to a profitable plan. ★★
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Follow through with your plans, but discuss your goals with the people your decision will affect before altering your life. Partnerships are prevalent, and the person who supports your dreams the most should be considered your ally. Romance will improve your personal life. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Address personal money matters. You are best to make conservative alterations that will ensure your finances are safe and secure. Don't let anyone talk you into spending on something that is risky. Your intuition will not let you down. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A creative project will improve your attitude and help you develop an important new skill. Love is in the stars, and an important relationship should be subject to some changes that will bring you closer together. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take action and say what's on your mind. Hesitation will stand between you and your success. Use intuitive tactics to persuade someone to take part in your plans, but be careful not to exaggerate or take on more than you can handle. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Finish what you start so that you can feel free to do whatever you want. Stick to familiar, comfortable situations and do your best to close a deal that's pending. Put love on a pedestal and focus on having fun with someone special. ★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take care of your health and protect your relationships with friends and relatives. Use your fine-tuned perceptiveness to make choices involving your career, reputation or status. Watch what's going on around you, but don't make an abrupt move. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take a look at your personal investments and negotiate deals that will help you get ahead. Be reasonable in your assessments and take a responsible approach to spending. Take care of your health. Emotions will be difficult to control. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Secrets are apparent. Your insight will help you decipher what your best option is and when to execute your plans. You will be able to stabilize your personal finances by using innovative means. Good fortune lies at home. ★★

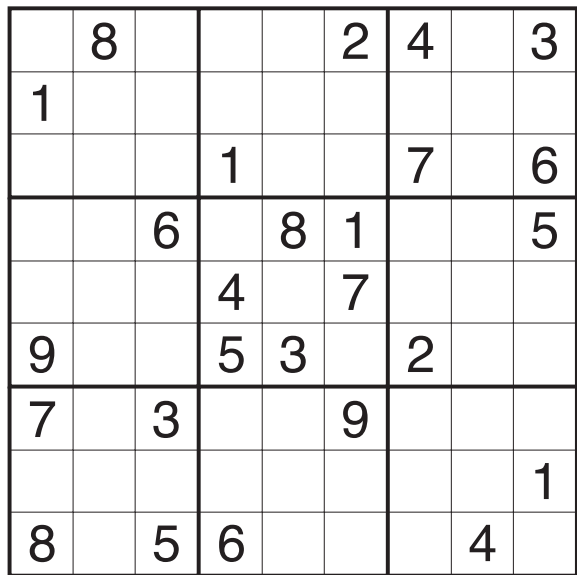
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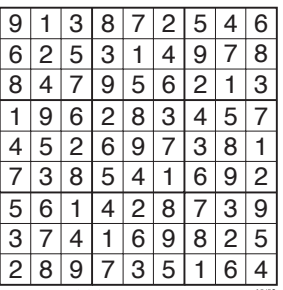
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Bumgarner, Giants silence Pirates to advance in NLDS

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Brandon Crawford figured the San Francisco Giants needed one run, maybe two, the way ace Madison Bumgarner was dealing.



A grand slam provided all that and more, silencing a revved-up crowd and propelling San Francisco into the meat of the playoffs. Streaking in May and slumping in September, the Giants are back to their old resilient selves in October.

Hey, it's what they do this time of year.

Crawford's slam off Edinson Volquez in the fourth inning led the Giants to an 8-0 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates in the National League wild-card game Wednesday night, sending San Francisco on to Washington for the best-of-five Division Series starting Friday.

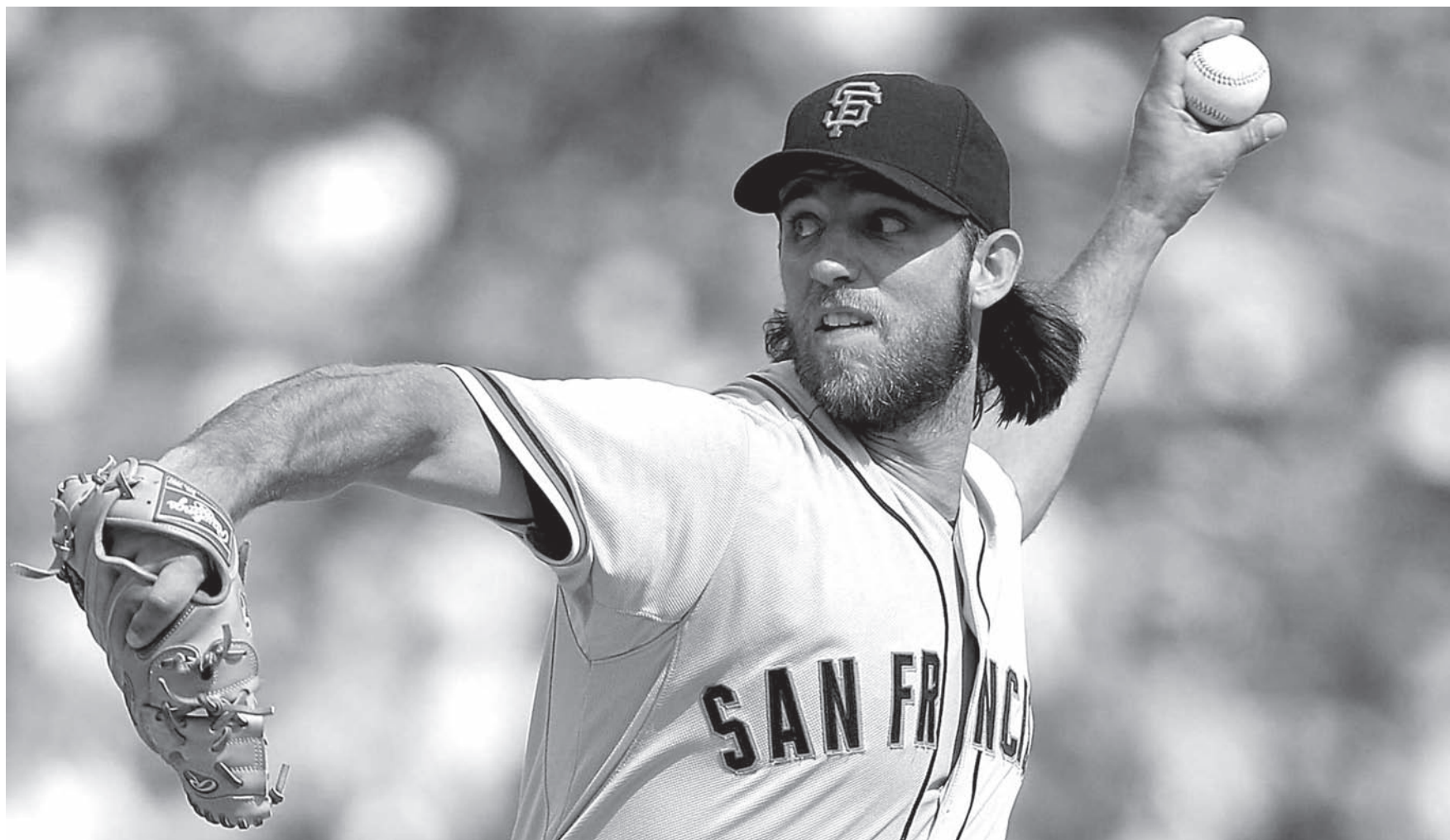
"We thrive in these situations," Crawford said. "I don't know what it is. We just keep fighting no matter what the circumstance."

The Giants won their eighth consecutive postseason game and seventh straight with their season on the line, a streak that dates back to their run to a World Series title in 2012. While much work remains before they can start thinking about the franchise's eighth championship, there was certainly a familiar feeling at PNC Park as San Francisco dismantled the Pirates.

"We've been through it before, a lot of this team has," Brandon Belt said. "We used that experience tonight. We know when we get in these situations we're going to have a good ballclub."

Particularly when Bumgarner is on the mound. He tossed a four-hitter with 10 strikeouts, needing 109 pitches to put a quick end to Pittsburgh's second straight playoff appearance.

Mixing his fastball with a slider and curve the Pirates rarely touched, Bumgarner was in complete control and looked



San Francisco Giants' Madison Bumgarner tossed a four-hitter with 10 strikeouts in the NL wild-card playoff baseball game against the Pittsburgh Pirates Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2014, in Pittsburgh.

very much like the ace who won 18 games during San Francisco's bumpy regular season.

"If you don't want to pitch in these games, you probably need to find something else to do," he said.

No chance of that for Bumgarner or the rest of a roster that flourishes once the calendar flips past September. Crawford's grand slam was the first in postseason history by a shortstop and he wasn't aiming for the fences.

With the bases loaded in the fourth and nobody out in a scoreless game, Crawford turned on Volquez's hanging breaking ball and sent it to right. Pittsburgh's Travis Snider waited to play it off the wall. He never got the chance, instead slumping his shoulders as the ball landed a couple of rows deep to give the Giants a 4-0 lead that felt con-

siderably larger.

"I was in shock a little bit," Crawford said.

So were the Pirates, who never recovered. One night after Kansas City edged Oakland in a thrilling start to baseball's postseason, this one was over by the middle innings.

Overpowering one of the NL's best lineups, Bumgarner walked one and threw 79 strikes in his latest stellar October performance. The big left-hander, who allowed only four singles, has thrown 15 scoreless innings in two World Series starts.

"We got outplayed tonight," Pittsburgh second baseman Neil Walker said. "Bumgarner went out there, he did what he wanted to do. He put up the strike zone and he made it tough on us."

Belt drove in three runs as the Giants padded the lead

late. By then the black-clad crowd that began the night in a frenzy was watching in dismayed silence.

"We've been there before," Belt said. "It's a lot of fun when you're on the road. ... You know you're doing something good when the crowd goes silent."

Volquez was trying to cap his comeback season by sending Pittsburgh to the NLDS for the second straight year, but he couldn't match Bumgarner.

The right-hander cruised until the fourth, when a pair of singles and a walk loaded the bases with none out. He'd retired Crawford 19 of the 22 times he'd faced him during his career.

It's the 24th that he'll remember.

"I tried to bounce it down, back foot, and the ball just kept going," Volquez said.

"Bad spot."

That was more than enough for Bumgarner. Pittsburgh, fourth in the majors in extra-base hits this season, rarely hit the ball hard.

Bumgarner was helped by his defense, too. Third baseman Pablo Sandoval—all 245 pounds of him—flipped over the railing in front of the Pittsburgh dugout to track down a foul popup off the bat of Russell Martin.

Sandoval landed on his feet, a perfect symbol of San Francisco's seemingly endless resiliency when October rolls around.

Back in the playoffs after winning the World Series in 2010 and 2012, the Giants are looking to continue their every-other-year success.

Pittsburgh, on the other hand, was unable to duplicate last year's victory over Cin-

cinnati in the wild-card game that followed a 21-year playoff drought. Playing before raucous crowds at PNC Park, the Pirates pushed St. Louis to a decisive Game 5 before losing their NLDS.

This year, Pittsburgh went 17-9 in September while taking the Cardinals to the final day of the season in an attempt to win the NL Central.

There will be no extended playoff stay this time after Crawford's grand slam, the fourth in Giants postseason history.

Shortstop had been the only position—including pitcher—without a slam in postseason play.

"That's crazy," Crawford said. "With all the great shortstops that have played before, that's pretty special. I'm happy to be able to do it."

S I D E B A R

Trout makes playoff debut when Angels host Royals

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)—Mike Trout asked Albert Pujols for advice on his playoff debut before the Los Angeles Angels stepped into the October spotlight, and the veteran slugger with two World Series rings had some simple guidance for baseball's best young player.

"He told me to just be myself, and not try to hit that home run when you don't need it," Trout said. "Just keep that same swing that got you here, and go from there. (But) it's definitely a bigger game, for sure. All eyes are on you."

Trout reaches the milestone

he craves most Thursday night when he runs out to center field at the Big A for the Angels' AL Division Series opener against the Kansas City Royals, who must concoct a quick encore to their incredible 12-inning comeback victory in the wild-card game.

Trout led the majors in RBIs, runs and extra-base hits this season for the major league-leading Angels (98-64), capping nearly three full seasons of electrifying play with a likely MVP campaign - and a playoff berth.

It sure beats last October, which the New Jersey native

spent back home in a tree stand when he wasn't watching the playoffs on television.

"Now I'm hunting a ring instead of deer," Trout said with a laugh.

While the Royals are in their first postseason since 1985, the Angels hadn't been in the playoffs since 2009, and several regulars share Trout's lack of experience on the big stage. But Pujols has a vaunted postseason history from his time in St. Louis, and third baseman David Freese was the MVP of the World Series and the NL Championship Series for the Cardinals just three years ago.

While Freese was having the best month of his career in 2011, Trout was coming off his season in the Double-A Texas League. Trout spent just 20 more games

in the minors before heading to Orange County to stay.

"I don't think I need to say anything to Mike Trout," Freese said. "He's been in the spotlight since Day One, and he's going to be in it again. The game is better with Mike Trout in the postseason. I think we all understand that, and it's exciting to get him in there and get Albert back in there."

Indeed, the big-budget Angels are getting a return on their lavish investments in Trout, Pujols and Josh Hamilton, who will return to the Angels' lineup for the opener, batting seventh and playing left field after missing 21 of the last 22 games with injuries.

Angels ace Jered Weaver (18-9, 3.59 ERA) starts against Kansas City's Jason Vargas (11-

10, 3.71), who pitched for Los Angeles last year. The pitchers have been close friends since their days at nearby Long Beach State - but before their families take their joint vacation already planned for this winter, they'll attempt to keep their clubs rolling.

"There aren't very many players like (Trout) that come along," Vargas said. "(But) you're going to have to negotiate that whole lineup, and if you think about one hitter, your work is going to be cut out for you."

The Royals' long-awaited playoff return has already been memorable. Kansas City is still buzzing after the club's rally from a late four-run deficit and another 12th-inning hole for a dramatic 9-8 victory over Oak-

land on Tuesday night.

The Royals celebrated with champagne and goggles after a game that lasted nearly five hours, but they were clear-headed and clear-eyed by the time they arrived Wednesday for a light workout.

"Not a lot of sleep, but that's OK," left fielder Alex Gordon said. "We'll take the lack of sleep for moving on and coming to L.A."

Kansas City realizes the stiff challenge posed by the Angels, who overcame numerous pitching injuries with a boost from the majors' most productive offense. The Royals struggled to score all season, but made up for it with steady starting pitching and a dynamic bullpen, which means the ALDS matches strengths against strengths.

McIlroy wins PGA Tour player of the year

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland (AP)—One incredible month of golf was enough for Rory McIlroy to be voted PGA Tour player of the year.



The award was announced on Wednesday and surprised no one. McIlroy won the award, which is a vote of PGA Tour members, for the second time in three years.

He joined Tiger Woods, Greg Norman and Nick Price as the only multiple winners of the Jack Nicklaus Award since it began in 1990.

"I'd like to win a lot more in my career, and I feel like I can," McIlroy said from St. Andrews, where he is playing in the Dunhill Links Championship.

McIlroy and Jimmy Walker each won three times on the PGA Tour, though the size of the trophy tilted heavily in favor of the 25-year-old from Northern Ireland. McIlroy went wire-to-wire to win the British Open, rallied from three shots behind on the final day at Firestone to capture his first World Golf Championship, and won the PGA Championship with a sterling back nine at Valhalla.

He became only the seventh player to win the final two majors of the year, and

Europe's Rory McIlroy celebrates winning his match against Rickie Fowler of the US on the 14th hole during the singles match on the final day of the Ryder Cup golf tournament, at Gleneagles, Scotland, Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014.



the first since Padraig Harrington in 2008.

McIlroy failed to win on the European Tour or on the PGA Tour in 2013 during a turbulent year when he switched out all of his equipment, and would end up in a legal mess after leaving his management company.

He also struggled with a phe-

nomenon that became known as "Freaky Friday" for taking himself out of tournaments with bad second rounds. He solved that enigma and roared back to No. 1 in the world with a solid year that became spectacular with his two major titles.

McIlroy also led the PGA Tour with 12 finishes in the top

10, and he never finished worse than 25th. He also won the PGA Tour money title with just over \$8.2 million, and he won the Vardon Trophy for the lowest adjusted scoring average.

He won the award over Martin Kaymer, who won The Players Championship and U.S. Open; Masters champion Bub-

ba Watson; FedEx Cup champion Billy Horschel; and Walker.

The tour does not release vote totals.

"I guess it just makes me realize that even though last year wasn't the year I wanted, the last three or four years have been very, very good," McIlroy said. "It gives me even more

motivation to go on and work harder and try to win more tournaments, more majors, and be involved in more Ryder Cups like last week."

McIlroy contributed two wins and two halves in Europe's 16 1/2-11 1/2 victory over the Americans last week at Gleneagles.

The PGA of America's award for player of the year is based on points, and effectively ended when McIlroy captured his second major. Just like two years ago, he is virtually certain to win the money title on both sides of the Atlantic, and sweep the significant awards in Europe.

"Being voted player of the year by your peers is something that's important," he said. "They are the guys that you play week in and week out, and the guys you are trying to beat week in and week out. And if they appreciate what you've done over the year, and see the hard work you've put in, and golf you've played, and think that's been the best of the season, that's something that means a lot to me."

Hadley won the Puerto Rico Open, which was held opposite a World Golf Championship at Doral. Among the three rookies on the ballot, he was the only player with a PGA Tour victory, and the only one to advance to the third round of the FedEx Cup playoffs.

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LeBron warmly welcomed home by Cleveland fans



AP
From left, Kevin Love, Kyrie Irving, and LeBron James of the Cleveland Cavaliers pose for a photo during media day on September 26, 2014 at the Cleveland Clinic Courts in Independence, Ohio.

CLEVELAND (AP)—The crowd's deafening roar was so loud LeBron James couldn't hear his name announced.

Unsure of whether to walk out onto the floor, he looked around and realized he was the last one left on the bench.

Seconds later, James knew he was home.

Cleveland fans welcomed the NBA superstar back with open arms and ear-splitting screams on Wednesday night as nearly

17,000 fans showed up to watch the Cavaliers hold their annual scrimmage, a glorified practice that provided a preview of what could become a spectacular season.

Wearing the familiar No. 23 wine and gold jersey, the one he swapped for a No. 6 in Miami four years ago, James returned to the court where he took his first steps as a pro.

As he waited on the bench to be introduced, James couldn't hear the announcer say, "From Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary

High School, No. 23 ... "

So James began walking out. "I really couldn't hear it," he said. "The fans were really loud and the PA was a little down, so I really couldn't hear it. I was the last person sitting on the bench, so I guess it had to be my time. But the roar was very well received and I'm grateful to be able to be in this position where the fans welcomed me back like that."

This ovation was in stark contrast to the one he got following the last game James played for Cleveland in 2010. Following a 27-point loss to Boston in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference semifinals, a game in which he was oddly passive, James was targeted with boos and later questioned about his effort.

Two months later, he announced he was signing with the Heat.

But all has been forgiven, if not forgotten.

For Cleveland fans, the sight of James once again on the Cavs' home floor, soaring to the basket for a dunk or catching an outlet pass from new teammate Kevin Love, was something to behold.

"I can't believe this," said 19-year-old Alex Krockner from Bolivar, Ohio. "I've waited my whole life for a Cavs team like this, for a Cleveland team like this. It's crazy."

Moments after the opening

tip, James, who in a heartfelt letter declared he was re-signing with the Cavs on July 11, reminded Cleveland fans what they've been missing. He was

short with his first shot, a fade-away baseline jumper. But he grabbed his own rebound and calmly sank a 3-pointer.

He followed that with a two-

handed dunk and later drove the lane for one his signature slams, the kind of play that has elevated him to the world's best player.

Top seeds still in control in darts league

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The leaders remain in control in their respective divisions in the 2014 Bud Light Saipan Electronic Darts Association League after last week's game held in various bars on the island.

The Jokers Destroyers (Masters), Sand Juvy Outlawz (A), Jokers X-ecutioners (Tuesday B), Route 33 Chagi Fan (Kingfisher C) and Sand Juvy Ta Chagi (Chichirika C) continue to hold the top ranking against their respective opponents.

The Destroyers kept their hold of the top (69-33) in the four-cornered fight for the Masters division crown after posting a 10-7 win over the Smoke Pub Master Outlawz, which remained third with a 45-57 card. The Jokers TRA-Bull Makerz is 13 wins behind at 51-51 despite an 11-6 drubbing of the Sand Juvy Shoot Balut.

The Sand Juvy Outlawz scored an 11-6 win over A division cellar dwellers Smoke Pub Comatose (34-68) to hike its record to 69-33.

In other results, the Naked

Fish Ridin'Darrty (63-39) escaped with a 9-8 decision against the Smoke Pub Hunters (47-55), the Sand Juvy Bud Brothers (47-55) pulled off a 10-7 triumph over sister team 101 Proofers, while the Predators (60-42) chomped on Route33 Mafia (41-61), 11-6.

The Route33 Mixblood Shooter I (52-50) trounced the Sand Juvy Sakude! (49-53), 14-3, in the other A division match.

The X-ecutioners, High On Darts and Snipers eked out similar 8-7 wins over the Mixblood and the Dabarkads and the Dar-

tholics, respectively in the Tuesday B class. D'Mekaniks edged the Sparkz, 9-6, and the Marupok clipped the Fearless, 11-4.

Matches in the Kingfisher C had the Jokers Darty Minded beating the Sunsports, 10-5, Latte Darts nipping Hafa Mas, 8-7, and the Chagi Fan drubbing the Rebelz, 13-2.

In the Chichirika C, Feelin Lucky and Ombak scored 9-6 wins over Blue Kois and Bull-It while the Spartans, the Snipers, and the Disciples squeezed out 8-7 decisions over Jump It, the Barcode Breakers and Ta Chagi, respectively.



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The Smoke Pub Snipers, seen here posing for a group photo, remain in contention for the Chichirika C division title as they are behind by only three wins against the league-leading Sand Juvy Ta Chagi.

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ers of Far Eastern University. MP United was then relegated to the third place match and stunned the favored La Salle Green Hills, 2-1.

MP United hopes to ride on the momentum of its third place finish last year when it returns to the Philippines this month and aims to equal if not surpass its accomplishment in 2013.

"Pilipinas Cup is a tough competition. The process that a team will go through just to be part of it is already hard, so if you get the nod from the organizer then definitely it means

a lot already. It's going to be harder this year, as some of the guys that played in last year's tournament will not going to be available this time due to age, SAT exams, and school activities. As much as we want all of them to come with us, we encourage them to prioritize their study. In addition, I know some teams in our age group have intact rosters so that will be an advantage to them," Del Rosario said.

MP United will make up for the lack of an intact roster by fielding a much fitter team this year.

"One thing we learned from last year's competition is physi-

cal conditioning/fitness. It played a big role in the games. If you are not physically fit it will be hard for you to play every day with just hours of recovery time. During the pre-season of the fall league we started early with our strength and conditioning training and we still incorporate them to our regular training," Del Rosario said.

He added that the squad will go all out at the field whether they are winning or losing.

"We will play all out and leave everything in the field from the start up to the final whistle," said Del Rosario, who will finalize the team's roster next week.

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will be handed out in the finals. The team awards will be determined via point system and each squad must have at least five runners. Points will be awarded depending on the place of each runner, one point for first place and so on. The team/schools with the least points will be declared champions (in each age group).

If less than five runners are in each team, the places of all

members of the squad will be disregarded and the scores re-ranked. Ties will be resolved by comparing the sixth place finishers from each team. If a team does not have a sixth placer, the squad with a sixth member will prevail. If teams that are tied have only five participants the tie will be resolved based on the total scores of the first four finishers.

Saipan Community School dominated last year's finals at the Airport Field, as five of its runners won the six races in

the elementary division. SCS also topped the junior high school category.

Meanwhile, NMA will hold two other events at the end of this year. First up will be the 29th Annual Mt. Tapochao Turkey Trot on Nov. 27. The association will then close out the year with the 32nd Annual Christmas Island Relay on Dec. 29. The relay event will start at 6am with runners racing from Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio to the Last Command Post in Marpi.

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bias unloaded a jumper from the left baseline, but overshot his mark, while Kevin De Leon also muffed a 12-footer from the right key. Juanito Sambile then tried a putback after DeLeon's miss instead of bringing the ball down first with plenty of time left and only he and Alex Lauron contesting the rebound. Sambile's follow-up was too strong and Lauron also went for the putback, but the ball rattled off the rim. Finally, PSS colared the rebound, but ran out of time to pull up for a shot and was forced to play in overtime as Itibus had just crossed mid-court when the buzzer sounded.

In the extra period, PSS' poor

free throw shooting continued, while Lauron drilled 5-for-6 from the stripe and Syl Teregeyo added a bucket to give Joeten an 80-76 advantage, 1:34 left in the match. A split from Preston Basa moved PSS within three, 77-80, while back-to-back baskets from Itibus in less than a minute put the team on top, 81-80. Itibus made two straight baskets after Lauron took two ill-advised jumpers on the other end.

Down, but definitely not out, Joeten was again left with a lot of time to pull up for the go-ahead basket, as it kept the ball in the last 39.2 second after the leather hit Mel Manibusan's foot in a play in the baseline. Manibusan then made up for the inadvertent error when he blocked a driving Tobias. How-

ever, PSS failed to complete the big defensive stop, as Itibus was called for the offensive foul, providing an illegal screen on Bob Coldeen Jr. who was going for a fastbreak play.

Joeten regained possession with still 32.5 seconds left on the clock and again instead of running down the clock a bit and going for a high-percent-age shot, Lauron surprised his teammates with a triple and missed. He then tried to made up for his poor shot selection by battling the loose ball against Manibusan, however Lauron was called for a foul. Manibusan nailed the first charity to give PSS more cushion, 82-80, but missed the second one and Joeten reclaimed possession as Itibus stepped on the line af-

ter getting the offensive board. Joeten had no time out left and needed a quick inbound with 13.5 seconds remaining on the clock. De Leon almost lost the inbound pass, but recovered in time to get the leather to Tobias, who was harassed by two PSS defenders. With the clock running and the PSS defense on him, Tobias pulled up for a triple and missed, while Basa got the rebound and was fouled in the last .5 of a second. Basa hit the first charity for the insurance and intentionally muffed the second one, securing PSS' first victory after dropping its opener against Micronesian Brokers, Inc./Anchor.

MBI/Anchor also played last Wednesday and took the early lead in the nine-team field as it improved to a 2-0 record, fol-

lowing an 88-66 rout of the debuting Saipan Ice & Water.

Four MBI/Anchor players—Jeff Garcia, Ivan Devero, Pete Lizama, and Angelo Fernando—scored 14 points each to notch the easy win. Saipan Ice leaned only on Jerome Norita and Treat Kaipat, who finished with 28 and 20 markers, respectively.

With Kaipat and Norita working together, Saipan Ice trailed by only 10 at the break, 38-48, however the duo clearly needed help from their teammates in the second half where MBI/Anchor's balance scoring keyed the team's breakaway. MBI/Anchor went on a 22-12 scoring spurt in the third period to pad the lead to 20 and kept the comfortable margin in the fourth after getting contributions from

multiple players.

First Game

MBI/Anchor 88 — Garcia 14, Lizama 14, Fernando 14, Devero 14, Zapanta 10, Capalad 8.

Saipan Ice 66 — Norita 28, Kaipat 20, Villanueva 8, Santy 5, Casimong 2, Cayading 2, Olopai 1.

Scoring by quarters: 25-18, 48-38, 70-50, 88-66.

Second Game

PSS 83 — Basa 26, Itibus 15, Manibusan 11, Cabrera 8, Villacrusis 7, Diaz 5, Coldeen 3, Mendez 3, Santos 2.

Joeten 80 — Lauron 21, Teregeyo 18, De Leon 17, Kwon 15, Tobias 4, Sambile 3.

Scoring by quarters: 11-23, 36-41, 59-54, 73-73, 83-80 (OT).

Third-quarter push lifts Feds past CUC

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The Feds leaned on a strong third quarter then foiled the repeated comeback tries of Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to hack out a 74-67 decision in the 2014 IT&E-DYS Inter-Government Basketball League last Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Feds led from start to finish and found an answer on every CUC rally to join Northern Marianas Sports Association and Customs in the winners column. Customs prevailed in the league opener, beating Commonwealth Health Center last Monday, 61-28, while NMSA also cruised past the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs in the second match of the kick-off day, 56-46.

Leo Apelo and Juan Camacho waxed hot early in the game, alternately burying the shots for the Feds in the first 10 minutes of the match. The two combined for 19 points to give the Feds a slim 35-33 halftime spread.



Apelo and Camacho continued with their good shooting in the third period to keep CUC at bay and stretch the lead to seven, 58-51. Camacho hit back-to-back triples in the third and added 9 more points, while Camacho chipped in 7. Ronnel Gamboa and John Ogarto also joined the scoring fray to support Apelo and Camacho's game-long brilliance. Apelo scattered 19 points, while Camacho finished with 18 markers, and Gamboa and John Ogarto scored 12 each.

Tony Diaz paced CUC's losing cause with 18 points and failed to get scoring support from his teammates.

John Santos was the other CUC player who finished in double figures with 10, while James Benavente tallied 9 markers. Robert Lieto, Andrew Masga and Frank Mizutani made 6 apiece, while George Poquiz, Sim Iramk and Caster Madracheluib added 5, 4, and 3 markers, respectively.

Meanwhile, in last Wednesday's second game, Department of Public Safety coasted to a 58-44 triumph over Judiciary to also register its first win.

Action in the inter-government league will continue this Monday with NMSA and Customs clashing for the early lead in the 8pm second game, the while DCCA and CHC try to bounce back from the opening day losses when they collide in the 6:30pm first game.

Feds 74 – Apelo 19, J. Camacho 18, Gamboa 12, Ogarto 12, Esteves 8, Hae 3, Arroyo 2.

CUC 67 – Diaz 18, Santos 10, Benavente 9, Lieto 6, Masga 6, Mizutani 6, Poquiz 5, Iramk 4, Madracheluib 3.

Scoring by quarters: 23-17, 35-33, 58-51, 74-67.

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Department of Public Safety's Marvin Rabauliman pulls up for a jumper during the third quarter of their game against the Judiciary in the IT&E-DYS inter-government caging last Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



73 swimmers to compete in NMISF's first meet

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The Northern Marianas Islands Swimming Federation will hold its first timed meet tomorrow with 73 swimmers from Saipan Swim Club and Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan racing at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

SSC is fielding 33 swimmers in the competition that will run from 9am to 12nn. Victoria Chentsova, the most senior member of the club, will lead SSC as she participates in the mixed 400m and 800m freestyle, girls 100m freestyle, and 200m mixed medley relay.

Joining Chentsova in the weekend meet are Kento and Taiyo Akimaru, Dave and Dian Bautista, David Boyer, Jasmin Frink, Akira and Wataru

Kadokura, Conatsu and Coume Kaga, Cory Lee, Rintaro Miyawaki, Sami Nimura, Ayaka, Dino, and Taiga Sato, Jefferey Sheu, Jonathan Shu, Savita Sikkel, Jinnosuke and Lennosuke Suzuki, Leo Takahashi, Jin Ju and Jinie Thompson, Christian Villacrusis, Nieves, Richard, and Susan Villagomez, Kaito and Ryuto Yanai, and Dominic and Matthew Zedde.

Majority of the SSC swimmers are entered in four individual events and some are also competing in relay races. The club has five teams in the mixed 200m medley relay. Chentsova is in one of the five squad and will be teaming up with Kento Akimaru, Villacrusis, and Boyer. Kento's younger brother Tai to is with Leo Takahashi, Rintaro, and Jinnosuke Suzuki, while the latter's sibling Lennosuke Suzuki is joining forces with Taiga Sato, Ryuto Yanai, and Akira

Kadokura. The two other teams are composed of the quarters of Coume Kaga, Jinie Thompson, Ayaka Sato, and Susana Villagomez and Nimura, Jin Ju Thompson, Conatsu Kaga, and Jasmin Frink.

Meanwhile, Tsunami Saipan has entered seven squads in the mixed 200m medley relay. The first team has Nanaka Watanabe, Shaunaly Babauta, Ashley Dangol, and Kana Suzuki. Team 2 is composed of Hans Xu, Arman Rechucher, Isaiah Aleksenko, and Aasish Dangol, while Team 3 has Asaka Litulumar, Ayumi Obligation, Natsuki Nagata, and Hye Jin Elliot. Juhn Tenorio leads Team 4 and will swim with Kenta Tomie, Anthony Camacho-Deleon Guerrero, and Rentaro Suzuki, while Sophia Gauran will anchor Team 5, which also has Kyona Rivera, Megumi Yoshino, and Aika Watanabe. Tsunami Saipan's Team 6 is an all-male crew with Mark Maestro at the starting block, followed by Yoshino Jhota, Nelson Batalones, and Jamin Elliot. Angel Marie Tan will lead the all-female Team 7, which also listed Daime Rivera, Miku Tammy and Angel De Jesus as members.

Besides the 28 swimmers in its relay teams, Tsunami Saipan has 12 other members participating in NMISF's first competition for the 2014-2015 season. The list includes David Ahn, Manuel Babauta, Maria Batallones, Jewel Combinido, Ailynn Galuan, Seiyul Hong, Emily Ku, Clair and Kyla Park, Gabriel Retardo, Kana Suzuki, and Takumi Sugie.



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A Saipan swimmer competes in one of Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation's meets last year at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

2014 Bud Light Luta Fishing Derby on Oct. 10-11

The 2014 Bud Light Rota Fishing Derby will be held on Oct. 10 and 11 with cash prizes awaiting the winners in three categories: wahoo, yellow fin, and bonita tuna. A grand prize of \$10,000 also awaits the first marlin that weighs 501lbs or more.

Registration forms, rules, and additional details are available under the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) online Calendar of Events at www.mymarianas.com. Participants must register with the 14th Rota Municipal Council Office. Registration will be open until Oct. 9 at the

derby site. Registration is \$100 per boat, including one captain and one angler. Each additional angler is \$25.

Cash prizes in each category are: 1st place, \$400; 2nd place, \$300; 3rd place, \$200; and 4th place, \$100.

All participating boats must observe safe boating rules and regulations. The Department of Public Safety's Boating Safety Unit may be contacted at 1.670.532.9490 to conduct a boat safety inspection within a week prior to the event.

Orientation will be held on Oct. 9 at West Dock Marina

at 6 pm, while launching will be at 6am on Oct. 10 and 11 at West Dock Marina. Participants wishing to register their catch must be at West Dock Marina by 6pm on Oct. 10 and 5pm on Oct. 11.

Tournament fee also includes entrance to the awards banquet which will be held at 6:30pm on Oct. 11.

For more information, contact the 14th Rota Municipal Council at 1-670-532-4046, Councilman George Hocog at 1-670-285-3958, or Council Chief of Staff Steve Mesngon at 1-670-285-0902. (MVA)



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Participants pose with their wahoo catch during one of the early Luta fishing derbies.

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MP United in for tougher Pilipinas Cup stint



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After its notable debut in the Pilipinas Cup, MP United Football Club is expecting a tougher competition when it makes its second appearance in the youth tournament later this month.

MP United will be joining the U17 division contest of the Pilipinas Cup, which will be held from Oct. 27 to 30 at the Nuvali-Evolving Field in Laguna. The club's U17 squad will be battling the division championship against 10 other squads, including last year's U18 finalists Ateneo de Manila University and Loyola Meralco Sparks FC. Completing the field are Forza FC, Higala FC, Invictus FC, Iriga City-



MP United players pose for a group photo before a practice session at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

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USANT, Team Socceroo, RC Tanuan Labuyo, Green Archers United FC, and University of Batangas.

"A lot of good teams are in

the tournament this year," said coach Norman Del Rosario, who led MP United to a third place finish in the U18 division last year, allowing the club to

leave a mark in the annual tournament.

MP United rose from an unknown team to a contender when it swept its first two

games last year, beating Sta. Rosa FC, 4-1, and Manila Jeepney FC, 2-0. The visiting team squad went on to advance to the semis, but lost to even-

tual back-to-back champion Meralco (0-6), which was bannered by the all-collegiate play-

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PSS outlasts Joeten in overtime

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Public School System completed a come-from-behind win in the 2014 JP World Cup. Customer Appreciation Basketball League after surviving Joeten in overtime, 83-80, last Wednesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

PSS grabbed the victory despite its free throw woes, while Joeten collapsed after making poor shot selections both in regular and in the extension period.

PSS went 8-for-20 from the foul line in the last four minutes of the fourth quarter and in the extra five minutes of the match. It drained only five out of the 12 charities given to the

team in the last four minutes of the match and could have won the game right in regulation as Joeten was just protecting a seven-point lead when PSS missed free throws one after another. Two of those five free shots brought the match into overtime with Maverick Itibus, who was 1-for-4 in his first two

trips at the foul line, this time went 2-for-2.

After Itibus tied the match, 73-all, Joeten was left with 44 seconds to hit the go-ahead basket and took two jumpers and two hurried point-blanked shots, missing all. Ferdie To-

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Public School System's Preston Basa scoops a layup against four Joeten players during the third quarter of their game in the JP World caging last Wednesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

All set for All Schools X-Country's 1st leg

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Northern Marianas Athletics will kick off the three-leg All-Schools Cross-Country Series at 4pm this Saturday at the Airport

Road in Dandan.

Registration starts at 3:15pm with NMA holding races for the boys' and girls' Under-8, U10, U12, U14 and U18 age divisions. NMA will properly put markers on the entire course to avoid injury among the participants.

The second part of the NMA and Public School System-

organized race will be held on Oct. 18 at 7am at the Susupe Civic Center. The third and final leg will then shift to the American Memorial Park on Oct. 25, while the finals will also be held at the AMP on Nov. 15 at 7am.

Individual and team awards

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Runners in the U8 age group head to the course during last year's third leg of the Northern Marianas Athletics' All School Cross Country Series held at the American Memorial Park.